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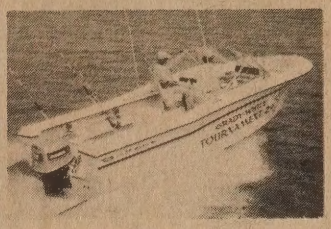

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On May 23 and 24, 1984 in Washington, D.C., the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, an interstate compact commission with a membership of 15 East Coast states, brought together the State Fisheries Directors and National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Administrator, who deal with striped bass. The meeting was to review recent state regulatory actions on striped bass.

Earlier this year the Commission had asked all the states from Maine to North Carolina to reduce fishing efforts on striped bass by 55 percent more than what was called for in the 1981 ASMFC Interstate Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan. A comprehensive report on recent state proposals to reduce fishing effort was done by Randy Fairbanks, ASMFC Striped Bass Statistical and Scientific Committee Chairman. At the May meeting, the directors and administrators reviewed each State's actions.

After the meeting Ralph Abele, Chairman of ASMFC, said "not all states were judged as achieving the recommended 55 percent reduction in effort. However, significant progress has been rapidly achieved. Eight of the 12 states involved felt they had indeed achieved the 55 percent reduction. The other states of New York, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, while not fully achieving the 55 percent reduction, have all recently taken extraordinary measures towards reducing fishing efforts on striped bass and are considering further actions."

The State Directors attending the meeting were generally pleased with the totality of the progress made to date. Phil Coates, Chairman of the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Board, described several recommendations made by the state directors, "three recommendations were to ASMFC and one was to the U.S. Congress and Federal government. The recommendations made to ASMFC were: 1) to incorporate the 55 percent reduction recommendation in the 1981 striped bass plan. This would formalize the call for reduced fishing effort and make it easier for some states to implement further restrictions on fishing; 2) to reconvene the ASMFC Striped Bass Scientific Committee to continue review of the striped bass problem and if need be, to begin work on a fully revised and updated Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan; 3) to allow a flexibility clause to be inserted into the 1981 striped bass plan which would allow states to deviate from exact measures called for in the plan as long as their new alternatives achieve the same biological results as intended in the original plan. The recommendation to Congress and the Federal Government was to take legislative action to prohibit the interstate commerce in striped bass under 24 inches in total length."

Ralph Abele further said "ASMFC plans to act on all the formal recommendations by the state directors at its annual meeting in October of this year." James McCallum, ASMFC, Washington office staff, said "the legislative recommendations will be incorporated into testimony being prepared by the Commission for input into federal legislation on striped bass before the Senate or House of Representatives." In commenting on the meeting Paul Perra, ASMFC's Interstate Fisheries Management Program Coordinator, said "all states were urged to continue on with their efforts to save the striped bass. The progress made by the states has already shown some results with more fish than usual returning to the spawning grounds in the Chesapeake this spring. With fishing effort much reduced, environmental conditions in the Chesapeake Bay will now begin to play a major role in whether or not the striped bass population will make a recovery."

RECORD AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED BY DEC

A record amount of fines and penalties were collected by the Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Law Enforcement during the 1983-84 fiscal year, Commissioner Henry G. Williams announced.

"The Department recovered $1,023,332 in fines and penalties during 1983-84 for offenses ranging from hauling hazardous materials without a permit to fishing without a license," Commissioner Williams said. "These monies are the end result of investigations conducted by the department's law enforcement officers against those who violate New York's environmental laws. Penalties recovered by the department through civil litigation are not included.

"Our Fish and Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Laws were enacted to protect and preserve our environment and we intend to see that these laws are fully enforced," Williams said. "Most people are law-abiding citizens with a genuine concern for our water, land, air, fish and wildlife. Those people violating the law will be prosecuted and required to pay the penalties," he said.

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The most common types of violations involved fishing, 1,757; firearms, 1,207; hunting license, 776; deer tagging, 719; and trapping, 706.

Among items forfeited as a result of these investigations were 49 guns, three bows, 20 traps and 12 artificial lights. Money received from this sale of confiscated items is placed in the Conservation Fund.

The DEC Division of Law Enforcement currently consists of 233 uniformed environmental conservation officers and 35 investigators in the Bureau of Environmental Conservation Investigations (BECI).

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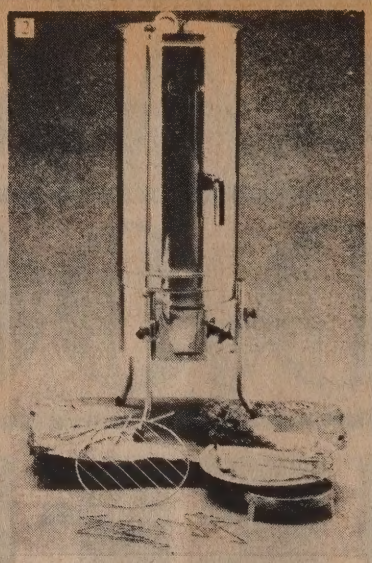

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Within a boating subset, comparing specific on-water activities in 1960 to 1982, canoeing/kayaking participants quadrupled from two to eight percent, while sailing participants doubled from two to four percent.

Reasons participants gave for pursuing the outdoor lifestyle centered around personal motivations. To enjoy nature and the outdoors were cited by 68 percent of the respondents, 66 percent wanted the exercise to stay in shape, 56 percent just desired to get away from the day-to-day grind. Lesser motivations included being in group activities: 53 percent pursued outdoor recreation to be with family and friends, 34 percent said they liked the people who were pursuing the same activity.

Asked if they would be spending more time on outdoor recreation in two years, 34 percent of respondents said yes, only nine percent said no, and 51 percent indicated time spent would be the same. In terms of money to be spent two years out, 44 percent of the respondents said they would be spending more, 43 percent indicated expenditures would be maintained at current levels, and only nine percent said they would spend less.

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STATE ACQUIRES MONTAUK AIR FORCE BASE—THANKS TO ALL

It was a roller coaster chronology, from the winter of 1982 until the summer of 1984. It was two years fraught with anticipation and, at times, anxiety; but it was a labor of love for those committed to the task.

It was in the winter of 1981-82 that the Federal Government announced its plans to auction off a number of excess properties through its General Services Administration (GSA). There was a lot of simultaneous interest expressed in the 278-acre Air Force Base. The Town of East Hampton eyed the property for a variety of potential uses including special housing tracts. The State expressed interest in a portion, too, and then there were the entrepreneurs lining up to make a killing on the property—shining condominiums in the 80s, but likely to become eyesores in future decades.

One environmentalist was quoted as saying, "I guess we hit rock bottom in February when the bids came in for the property. Although many of us understood the Federal Government's attempt to balance a deficit budget by selling excess property, we couldn't accept that the property was worth only $1.9 million (highest bid) when its real value was beyond measure in terms of future pleasure to tourists, recreation enthusiasts, and the people of the State."

As with most fights of this type, there were many ups and downs, and not everybody would agree that rock bottom coincided with the receipt of bids. In the winter of 1981-82 the future of the property for general use by the citizens of the state appeared to be beyond reach. The Feds wanted value, the State budget was low—very low; East Hampton spoke of need, but its piggybanks were also near empty. Yet, according to the theory of randomness, great achievements are set in motion by small random events and not by great design of powerful men. Perhaps this is true, but we suspect power has more sway over destiny than randomness in most cases. Sometimes, once in a great while, the little guy wins a great victory, and such is the case with the Montauk Air Force Base property. In the winter of 1981-82, during a meeting of the Fishing Advisory Board (to the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission), we were told of the method of disposal of the property. We argued that this disposal did not recognize the needs and rights of all of the people of this state. We argued that ultimately some, if not all of this property would fall into the hands of developers so that one day the south side bluffs would be dotted with condos and the small roads clogged with traffic.

Further discussions with the Commission followed. The L.I.S.P.R.C., to their credit, did not hide behind a cloak of vague bureaucracy, as they could have and as most agencies would have. Instead, they listened and they explained what was happening and what, to the best of their knowledge, would happen. They were receptive to the Fishing Advisory Board's arguments to protect such significant property from development, but they cautioned about finances, commitments, and political complications because many agencies and levels of government were involved. The State did not interfere, but rather offered caution as a guideline for progress. The F.A.B. took this information to others with similar concerns such as L.I.B.B.A. and U.M.S., the New York Sport Fishing Federation and the Montauk Surfcasters Association, as well as local clubs. These groups instantly picked up the gauntlet. A special note of recognition for William Miller, long and effective champion of beach access and environmental protection, because he dug deeply into the records of government and traveled to where he had to go to get information. His persistence in this matter played an important part in its succesful outcome.

Yet, in the spring and summer of 1982 things looked bleak indeed. However, throughout the course of this crusade, it seemed there were always reinforcements when the effort began to slump in fatigue. Now the State was coming to reinforce a tiring struggle. The Parks Commission argued long and hard with the State administration that this property was worth fighting for, budget restrictions or not, and the L.I.S.P.R.C. began a series of arduous meetings to get facts and grind out positions. Meetings with the Town of East Hampton, and local meetings with groups and individuals. There was also the liaison effort with other branches of state government, so essential in this day of multifaceted and anastomosing government. The State and the Commission stuck with it, cautious in its public statements and comments to the F.A.B., but privately hopeful that the property could be protected for all the people of the State forever.

There were, of course, many heros in this struggle and many are unsung. Some were involved from the first day and others joined in much later. Although special thanks are owed to those who stuck with it all the way, those

who joined up later should not have their intentions and hard work jaundiced by their late arrival. In some cases, the effort might still have faltered if they had not stepped in when they did. And there were others, whose names will never be known to us, who worked behind the scenes, making key moves and offering key advice at opportune moments.

We must also remember that there were other battles raging during this period of time. To mention a few, there was pending striped bass legislation in New York which was hotly contested, there was a large issue of bluefish management coastwide, the decline of weakfish, the possible destruction of tens of thousands of acres of valuable wetlands on the East End, dune protection, questions of erosion, PCBs, etc. Concern for the Montauk property was only one area of activity and often the others would blow up in crisis, distracting crusaders. It is, therefore, in a way miraculous that the property was saved. There were so many puzzle pieces that had to fall just right, there were so many people of diverse interests and points of view who had to agree and work together, and there were so many politicians to be convinced and informed.

Our hats are off to all those who helped out. The list that follows is as complete as it can be, but it is empty of those who are unsung and those who wrote letters in the privacy of their homes, yet who applied the pressure that helped move the machine. We hope those who are unknown will not be offended because their names do not appear, but instead share with us the joy that this property will remain a great legacy for our children and their children.

Although the decision to swap 125 acres at Fire Island for the 278 acres at Montauk has been made in July, the completion of paperwork will likely not take place for another 60 days. Do not mourn for the property at Fire Island, since by circumstance it will remain undeveloped—probably indefinitely. The Feds agreed because they received something of value in return for the Montauk land. They satisfied an administration criterion and New York State gets the land. Incidentally, there will be only one program on this property for the foreseeable future according to L.I.S.P.R.C. officials, and that's to park at the Lighthouse parking field and walk into the Camp Hero property.

Our thanks to all those who made this dream come true.

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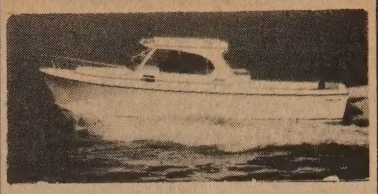

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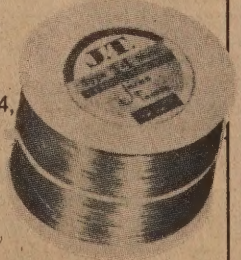

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FIGHT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE BUGGY BAN

by William E. Miller

(Executive Director of United Mobile Sportfishermen)

The lawsuit by Conservation Law Foundation, Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Sierra Club, to ban 4WD vehicles from C.C.N.S. is a serious threat to the many surf fishermen who travel from all over the East Coast to this surf fishing mecca. We have just received a copy of Judge Nelsn's ruling on the lawsuit from MBA/UMS Attorney Jim Brown. The judge has been reported to have issued supporting memorandum of his decision which has not yet been received. In view of the delay in receipt, we do not have much time to react, so IMMEDIATE ACTION by individuals and clubs is needed.

Judge Nelson found that the National Park Service had acted properly in not having prepared an environmental impact statement and that their determination that the ORV Management Plan would not have significant impact on the environment was factually and legally supportable. He also found that the NPS was deficient in considering the impact of ORV use on other recreational visitors to CCNS, and did not consider conflicts with these users and thus it might not be appropriate. He ordered the NPS to thoroughly consider whether ORV use is appropriate regarding its impact on other recreational pursuits.

The NPS was directed to conduct an inquiry with an opportunity for public comment in this regard and provide the court a written determination of findings by Friday, July 27, 1984; after which he will issue his final decision. In the interim, the ORV Management Plan remains in force and an injunction to halt ORV use was not granted. A call to Supt. Olsen at CCNS on 7/6/84 revealed that Judge Nelson extended the July 27th date to August 10th in view of the delay in releasing his memorandum. Olsen has already been receiving letters from the preservationists who are trying to stop mobile sport fishing use and he estimated that he already had about 50 at that time but apparently is not hearing from the ORV community. Thus the record could show an overwhelming public demand to halt ORV use as inappropriate to the use and enjoyment of other visitors.

The opposition outnumbers us, but if we get our act together we can beat them, as we are directly concerned with the outcome. If you let us down, we are lost. Let's not repeat our loss on Chincoteague, or Fire Island. The court decree indicates that ORV use could be found unsuitable either generally or as regulated. This means that his decision could have impact on every national seashore or wildlife refuge. We all have a stake in the outcome and we need to show public demand for this use.

Some arguments you might use in your letters include:

a) Sport fishermen and hunters have used an ORV for generations to gain access to seashore lands before it was a unit of the national park system and after.

b) To preserve and perpetuate this traditional use, sportsmen were among the major supporters for the establishment of the CCNS, thus it would be morally wrong to subvert one of the principal reasons for creation of the national seashore, and an injustice to the people who were instrumental in its creation.

c) The major recreational use of the seashore is for bathing. The ORV plan provides for closure of bathing areas to ORV use and a very adequate separation of bathers and ORVs. Most bathers do not venture far from the parking lot. The other major visitor activity is visitation to the park visitor centers, nature trail and bike trail areas, all of which are very removed from ORV use areas and the majority of whose users are probably not even aware that ORV use exists on the

shore. I believe the court may have been misled by CLF statistics claiming that 97 percent of all visitors do not use an ORV and thus their enjoyment is impaired by ORV use. The truth is that most are probably not even aware that such use even exists, so that the CLF claim is a gross distortion of the facts. It is expected that Supt. Olsen will have a survey conducted at bathing beaches and other areas to determine perceptions of these visitors.

d) Regarding the "aural conspicuousness of ORVs": they must be duly licensed and insured and therefore in conformance to existing laws for safety and proper operation, including mufflers. An ORV qualifying for an ORV permit makes no more noise than any other automobile licensed for highway use, so it is not conceivable that ORV noise can be a proper consideration, especially when the sounds of sea gulls and surf mask any minor vehicle noise at 50 to 100 feet away.

e) The ORV Management Plan has already closed one self-contained vehicle use area (presumably for the benefit of these "other" recreationists) and closed an entire section (over 4 miles) of beach south of Hatches Harbor for these other recreationists' exclusive use, denying mobile sport fishermen use of these traditional and important areas. Something on the order of 20 miles of ORV trails in back dune and wetland areas were closed also and which are now available exclusively to these other recreationists.

f) All existing ORV use areas are open to use by other recreationists whereas the reverse is not true. The mobile sport fishermen cannot gain access to all areas open to the other recreationists and has already been called to make important sacrifices. Whereas the sport fisherman has a "live and let live" attitude with respect to other recreationists and willingly shares his use areas with all, it seems some of these others cannot accept a similar attitude toward the mobile sport fisherman's use and insist on denial of his access to his sport so that they may better enjoy theirs. The sacrifice they would demand of their fellow man far exceeds the minor sacrifice they experience from annoyance they perceive comes from ORV use, which they are unwilling to endure and call a conflict. What they are looking for is a wilderness experience devoid of all others in a major populated coastal area. This is not practical or justifiable at CCNS or any national seashores which were established as recreation areas to satisfy recreational needs of the masses. Wildernists do have entire (the majority of seashore land) areas open to them for their solitude and demands for more on the shore are unreasonable.

g) Most beach areas are remote and therefore unused by the great majority of CCNS visitors, with the exception of mobile sport fishermen. Denial of ORV access is tantamount to denying access to these areas to sport fishermen. The number of other recreationists who frequent these remote areas are inconsequential in relation to fishermen and hence, there cannot be an issue there in regards to "minimizing" conflicts with other users in these areas. The Executive Orders concerning ORV controls only require conflicts to be minimized (not eliminated), nor do they specify how this is to be done. Thus, it is equally possible that it could be done by barring users other than mobile sport fishermen and it is certainly justifiable at CCNS in view of the greater numbers of mobile sport fishermen users of these coastal areas.

h) Fishermen need access to the shore in order to fish. Bird watchers and hikers can do their thing almost anywhere and everywhere at CCNS and they do not need exclusive use of the remaining beaches accessible for mobile sport fishermen to enjoy their thing.

i) Cape Cod is nationally renown for its superior sport fishing opportunities. CCNS occupies a major and critical portion of the Cape. As such, its location and natural coastal offshore formations make it nationally unique and the preservation of access is critical to the enjoyment of these features. Without mobile sport fishing access there is no access and the purpose for establishing CCNS ends as far as we are concerned if it is not accessible.

It is imperative that you write and that clubs get as many members as possible to do so. It doesn't need to be long and could even be done with a 13 cents postcard. The outcome of this case will impact every federal beach and will be used as precedent on other coastal beaches. We have won the environmental battle, but could lose the war if we don't swamp them with letters. I realize that there is little time to react, but it must be done so that they arrive at CCNS before August 10th. Write to: Superintendent Herbert Olsen, Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, MA 02663, phone (617) 349-3785.

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RHODE ISLAND ADOPTS NEW BASS REGULATIONS

by Dick Russell

Rhode Island has lifted its controversial moratorium on the possession of striped bass, but not exactly in the way state fisheries officials wanted it to happen. A public hearing, followed immediately by a meeting of the Marine Fisheries Council in Warwick on June 27th, produced yet another surprising turn of events in the ongoing "striper wars" within the Ocean State.

Here's the way the new Rhode Island regulation came down, to take effect in mid-July:

- An 18 inch total length minimum size limit for rod and reel, trap net and gill net fishermen.
- Rod and reelers will be limited to possessing two stripers per day above that size.
- Gill netters will also have a two-fish daily possession limit.
- The trap net fishery will be subject to a seasonal quota, equal to a 70 percent reduction of their average landings over the past five years. In 1984, once the trappers have caught 18,000 pounds of stripers, their fishing season will end.

This proposal, suggested by Council member Louis Othote and approved by a 3 to 1 vote, is expected to meet and probably exceed the 55 percent reduction in fishing effort called for by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The State Division of Fish & Wildlife, instead of a trap quota or a gill net possession limit, had sought a regulation that would have allowed the net fishermen an unlimited striper harvest between mid-October and mid-November and kept them closed altogether for the rest of the year. But, as Othote pointed out, 80 percent of the trappers' 64,000 pound catch in '83 took place during the critical fall migration that the Division's plan would have largely left as an open season. This, Othote believed, didn't seem like sound enough conservation.

Given the strong anti-moratorium sentiments expressed by the majority of fishermen at the public hearing, Othote's approved plan was probably the best that could have been hoped for. Joe Mollica, a bait shop owner from Narragansett, packed the hall with rod and reelers supporting the new state proposal and opposing continuation of the moratorium which had been in effect since January. The Rhode Island Saltwater Sportfishing Alliance, whose leadership had come to support the moratorium, had split apart over this controversy—and Mollica's crowd clearly had the numbers on its side.

There was still some support for keeping the three-year ban. The Federated League of Sportsmen's Clubs, the Bristol County Striper Club and six other individuals wanted the moratorium to stick. A substantial number of speakers also wondered why Rhode Island wouldn't at least go to a 24 inch minimum size, along with other restrictions.

The 18 inch size limit does indeed go against the grain of the original management plan, approved by the coastal states in 1981. All harvesting states, including Rhode Island, are supposed to have a 24 inch limit. Rhode Island officials have been fighting to change this for sometime, in order to keep the net fisheries (which catch 90 percent under 24 inch fish) in business. It's possible that the Atantic Commission will approve deviations from the plan, such as Rhode Island's, at its October meeting. But Rhode Island was clearly jumping the gun by going back to 18 inches and, in the eyes of many coastal observers, undermining the intent of the management effort.

The fact is, every other coastal harvesting state now has a 24 inch minimum. Even in New York, where an outcry from the haul seiners forced introduction of a bill in the State Legislature to allow 100 pounds a day of bass under 24 inches, the measure failed to get out of committee. So New York will still have a flat 24 inch limit, keeping the Fulton Fish Market closed to the smaller fish.

But at the hearing, most of the fishermen's talk was not about the plight of the bass, but about economics. As Mollica said, "Rhode Island is suffering directly in South County because of this ban. Not just the fishing industry, but other shops and businesses." Noting proudly that he was a Board member of the Narragansett Chamber of Commerce, Mollica continued: "The ban is not working. Let's get Rhode Island back on track!" His comments received loud applause.

John Martini, a well-known commercial rod and reel fisherman, later put it like this in a conversation with this writer: "Look, most of the guys in this room would support a ban if it was coastwide. But when Rhode Island's the only state going it, we just don't think it's fair."

So, in order to fish for bass again, most fishermen were willing to make whatever compromise necessary. That's exactly what the commercial members of the Council had in mind last September, when the moratorium was railroaded through rather than allow a 24 inch limit. Only in retrospect, as new scientific facts about the bass' emergency situation came to light, had a moratorium come to seem the right move even if for the wrong reasons.

Granted, a moratorium should definitely be imposed coastwide, not just in Rhode Island, but the absence of netting on the smaller bass there last spring **did** have an effect. Off Cape Cod, large schools of small stripers have been reported this summer, all off-limits to Massachusetts fishermen. These same fish would quite likely have been caught as they passed through Rhode Island. Now the big question became, if Rhode Island lifted the ban, could these bass be decimated come fall, before they reached spawning size?

That was Lou Othote's big concern. A year ago, he wouldn't have made much headway against the then commercially dominated Council. But this time around, trap net representatives George Mendonsa and Michael Parascondolo—under the restraint of the state Conflict-of-Interest Commission—were not even in attendance. Neither was another trapper, Francis Manchester. Dr. Saul Saila, the Council's scientific representative, had departed for six months in Japan. That left Othote, Joseph Dawson and Bob Randall—all appointed as sport fishing reps—and commercial fisherman Bob Smith.

Othote's new plan was strongly opposed by state fisheries official John Stolgitis and biologist John O'Brien. In their view, they'd run their own proposal through computer models and received tentative approval from the Atlantic Commission that they were "biologically achieving a 55 percent reduction and sixfold increase in egg production." Now, said O'Brien, "You're hitting us with something entirely new." Stolgitis added: "We feel we've proven our conservation effort is as good as everyone else's."

But as Joe Dawson put it, "You're basing this on rational reasoning, but

it's still possible the net fisheries will be taking too many fish. We've got to guard against over-kill. There's a lot of room for abuse in the gill net industry, because more and more people are coming into it. I'd like to see some safeguards built in."

Smith tried attacking the accuracy of the figures on rod and reel catches and said: "I don't understand what you're trying to do. The Department has worked a long time on this and, as far as I'm concerned, all you're trying to do is screw down one segment of our fishing industry, the netters."

Othote replied: "I've got no axe to grind with a particular gear type. My concern is the fish!"

At the end of all the arguing, even Robert Bendick, chief of the State Department of Environmental Management and the tie-breaking vote on the Council, sided with Othote's new plan. "The fear is always that someone is ripping someone else off. The advantage of the quota, although it may not be scientifically proven at this point, is that from the people's point of view, someone is not cashing in big. A quota, to me, is not such a bad idea given the alternatives we have."

Othote added up the last five years of trap net landings, eliminated the high and low years, and divided by three. That produced an average annual harvest of 58,000 pounds. Paring that by 70 percent, in order to justify a minimum size limit under 24 inches, the trap net quota for '84 was set at 18,000 pounds.

As for the gill netters, limited to two fish per day, they will also be required to have a five inch stretch mesh, 600 foot maximum length per net, and a 2,000 foot minimum distance between nets. These additional restrictions should help ease the kill rate of small stripers.

In Washington, the morning after the latest Rhode Island decision, the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation met again to consider the striper bills introduced by Representatives Claudine Schneider and Gerry Studds. Schneider, of Rhode Island, had called for a coast-wide three-year Federal moratorium and had 49 co-sponsors for her bill. Studds, from Massachusetts, was seeking a law that would force the states to go forward with the 55 percent reduction plan or face a moratorium if they didn't comply by December 1st.

It had been clear for sometime, however, that the Subcommittee chairman (John Breaux of Lousiana) didn't want Congress to step directly into traditional "states rights" territory. "Are we talking about the important principle of states rights," Mrs. Schneider wondered, "or are we talking about economic self-interest?" She produced a letter from a leading Federal fisheries expert stating that the striper is on the verge of becoming an endangered species. She also added that officials from three states had told her they would not be able to enforce the 55 percent cutback effort.

The Subcommittee then erupted in a bitter dispute. A representative from Virginia, Herbert Bateman, called Schneider's approach "Draconian." Then Maryland Congressman Roy Dyson set out to water down even the weaker Studds' approach. Dyson offered an amendment to push the date back to December **1985**, before the states would have to come up with the 55 percent reductions. Studds proceeded to make a compromise, extending the compliance date to June 1, 1985. And the Subcommittee voted to pass it.

Schneider then proposed another amendment. If the young-of-the-year survey in the Chesapeake Bay fell below the critical level of two this year, she said that her bill ought to be substituted for Studds'. But her plea was rejected.

Maryland's Dyson attempted to weaken the Studds' approach still further. He suggested that if the states were making "substantial progress" toward meeting the 55 percent goal, this would be okay. The Subcommittee voted him down.

So Studds' bill, which would impose a moratorium by next summer in any state which hasn't met the 55 percent plan, now goes to the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee for a vote on August 8th. If it passes there, the bill will be taken up by the full House of Representatives by Labor Day. Two striper protection bills are also pending in the Senate.

"Mr. Studds made his compromise on the date reluctantly," according to he Congressman's bass man Andy Schwarz. "But it was somethat that Chairman Breaux wanted, and several states had simply said they couldn't achieve the 55 percent reduction by December because of regulatory problems. That would be New York, Delaware and New Jersey."

The indication is that Rep. Schneider will certainly introduce her moratorium bill again next year. If the Chesapeake survey is terrible again, as appears likely, the call for a moratorium will surely mount along the coast. Studds' bill, if it passes the House—and this now seems a good possibility—would set a precedent for Federal intervention and set the stage for stronger action in '85.

All that can be hoped is that it won't come too late. In the Chesapeake, the young-of-the-year survey began July 11th and will continue through August and September. Hatchery efforts this spring have not been good. Of 84 million eggs processed in Cedarville, Maryland, there was a poor 10 percent fertilization rate. Of the 2.1 million stockable striper fry planted in farm ponds, only 2.5% survived and less than half of those failed to inflate their swim bladders, which means most of those will die, too. The eyes of the region are now focused on the Chesapeake, and the signs for '84 do not look hopeful.

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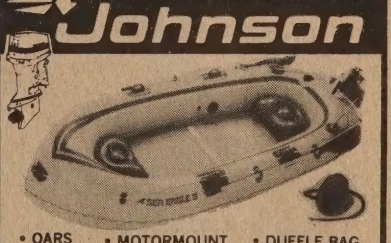

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Prizes galore and some intense competition made this first annual event a resounding success despite the weather.

The First Annual Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo suffered through an unbelievably bad weekend of weather—but the fishing was good and well over 1000 anglers fished hard for more than $35,000 in cash and merchandise awards. The big losers were those who failed to enter and watched others walk away with thousands of dollars in prizes for fish smaller than they had.

The June 30-July 1 weekend produced a steady diet of fog and heavy rain, which was capped by big swells and rough inlets on Sunday. However, the seas were smooth on Saturday and the offshore fishing, in particular, was exceptionally good throughout the contest area which extended from Fire Island Inlet to Manasquan Inlet and also included City Island.

The super prize winners captured the eligible species closest to the IGFA all-tackle world record on a percentage basis. In the offshore division, the Concord Mariner watch valued at over $3000 went to Dick Svoboda's "Miss Marion" for Joyce LoCasso's 190 lb. bigeye tuna which was just over 50 percent of the 375½ lb. record. The two round-trip tickets on TWA to anywhere they fly were awarded on the same basis in the inshore division to Ron Puma of Staten Island for his 13 lb. 10 oz. weakfish which was well over two-thirds of the world record weight of 19 pounds.

The Fisherman trophy for the outstanding angler of the rodeo is still to be awarded, as is the Evinrude 2 hp outboard motor for the best catch from a small boat. These are to be determined by the Rodeo Committee and will be announced at the winners cocktail party at the World Trade Center on July 11.

The inshore competition was particularly tight. Based on the reports coming in before the Rodeo, we expected to have a hard time giving away three cash prizes in the weakfish division. However, Lou Figurelli reported an 8¼ lb. weak weighed in at Staten Island Bait and Tackle early Saturday morning—and a parade of big weaks followed. Puma's tiderunner fell to a live bunker fished off Great Kills and stood up through the contest. The inshore bluefish lead changed hands continuously. At the end of the first day, Don Keller looked to be in very good shape with a 15¼ pounder weighed in at Mike's in Sheepshead Bay, but he was knocked down to fourth on Sunday. First we heard of the 16 pounder that Scotty Weiss brought into Reynold's Reef in Atlantic Beach, then of a chopper five ounces heavier by Tony Guzzardo on Mario Saldana's Popeye weighed at Stella Maris in Sheepshead Bay. Later in the day, Robert Singer checked into Stella Maris with an 18½ pounder taken on the Farms. That's where the monster blues were, as Captain Al Coley of the Sheepshead Bay "Betty W." cleaned up the party boat bluefish division with a 20½ pound trophy for Joe Hofmann and a 19½ pounder for Arthur Beitz.

The fluke competition was really hurt by the bad weather, and Buzzy Stern was able to walk away with the $1000 first prize by nailing a 6 lb. 11 oz. flattie in Jones Inlet. Dawn Doster, fishing with Buzzy, hooked one of 3 lbs. 13 oz. at the same time. That would have made her eligible for a seventh place $100 award except for the rule that each boat was restricted to one prize per species. As it is, Buzzy just edged out the 6½ pounder weighed in by Jack Kelly at Julian's in Atlantic Highlands. James O'Farrell of the Bronx went to Harbor Festival Foundation headquarters to sign up before the contest started and that trip paid off as he landed a 4 lb. 2 oz. fluke on the Lois Ann at Captree that had him in the lead until we got a late report Monday morning of the 4 lb. 14 oz. winner at Bahr's in Highlands by Ray Stanislawczyk on the Falcon.

There was some very exciting competition offshore, as many boats stayed overnight (the Rodeo ran from 12:01 AM Saturday to 7:00 PM Sunday) and fish were being weighed in just before the deadline. Fred Hill's Four Queens wrapped up three prizes when he checked in with a 227½ lb. dusky shark for second and a 124½ lb. yellowfin tuna that walked away with the $850 value Fin-Nor/Tycoon Lite 50 lb. rod and reel combination.

In addition to Joyce LoCasso's 190 lb. bigeye winner, there was the 41 lb. albacore for Jeff Carney on Joe Masone's Debra; Dick Quinn with a 255 lb. dusky shark on Ralph Leyrer's Last Lady III from Hoffman's in Brielle; Tom Wiswall with a 13 lb. 5 oz. offshore division bluefish on Ken Schmieder's "Lady Marion II" out of Copiague; and a 262 lb. mako shark on Bob Bianco's Miss Michelle by Bill Spraul. The latter fish was challenged only by the 180 pounder weighed in at Reynold's Reef by Jay-Jay York on the "Compass Rose." Jay-Jay, the 18-year-old son of Rodeo chairman Jesse York, is donating his $500 prize

back to the Foundation. However, the crew of the Miss Michelle had some anxious moments Sunday evening as Art Orlandi's Fast Eddie tried to make the deadline after hitting something on the way in and having to transfer the wire man who was badly cut up in the gaffing of a big mako. After all that, they made it to the weigh-in on time with a 322 lb. mako that had to be disqualified under the IGFA rules because it was mutilated when the boat backed over it in the gaffing process.

As if $1000 for each first, $500 for each second and $250 for each third wasn't enough, there were also many merchandise prizes. The Miss Marion's mako shark is also worth a Lowrance X-15A computer graph recorder, and the same goes to Robert Singer for his 18½ lb. inshore bluefish—plus an Ambassadeur 7000 from ABU/Garcia for the largest bluefish from a private boat. The Miss Marion also gets a Shimano Triton Mark 4S reel for their mako because it was a tagged shark and a Shimano Triton 300 goes to Buzzy Stern for the biggest fluke (inshore or party boat). Harvey Langaveer's 88 lb. yellowfin tuna takes second place for that species and a Reliable Shark Shooter flying gaff for Ray Schmitt's Wide Open.

Joe Hofmann certainly deserves something special for his 20½ lb. bluefish, and he's getting it in the form of a Montauk fishing trip for two aboard Bruce Newmark's Hydra-Sports Fish Tales—with American Clearwater rain gear and G-96 knives and pliers supplied. The skippers aren't forgotten either. Bruce Newmark will present the G-96 Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo Cup for the party boat captain producing the bluefish winner to Al Coley of the Betty W. in Sheepshead Bay.

It was a hectic weekend for the committee with chairman Jesse York and vice chairman John Feeney manning the phones at the Atlantic Beach headquarters and Yours Truly broadcasting results every hour on WNEW from Hoffman's Anchorage in Brielle Saturday before finishing up in Atlantic Beach on Sunday. Many other committee members also worked very hard, particularly Lou Figurelli in Staten Island. With the backing of the Port Authority and the Harbor Festival Foundation, we were able to get a regional tournament off the ground—and now we're ready for bigger and better things next year. Those of you now reading this who caught bigger fish that weekend or any party boat bluefish over 8 lbs. or fluke over 3 lbs. (fourth through tenth place $100 prizes weren't claimed—and no party boat weakfish were entered for the big money), realize what a mistake you made and will surely be aboard for the next edition. With a full year to plan, we expect to have an even more interesting and lucrative contest. Here's hoping you'll be a prize winner in the 1985 Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo!

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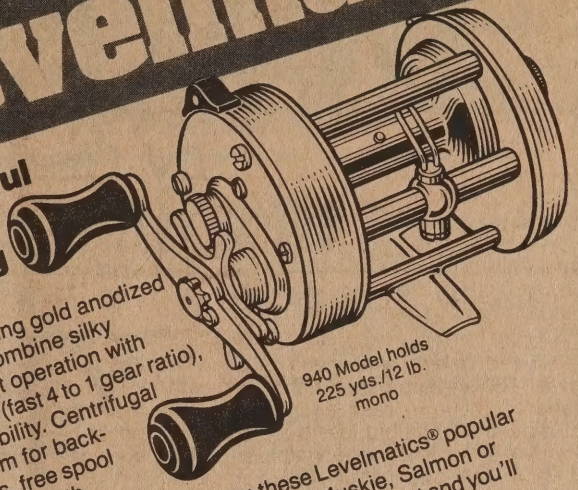

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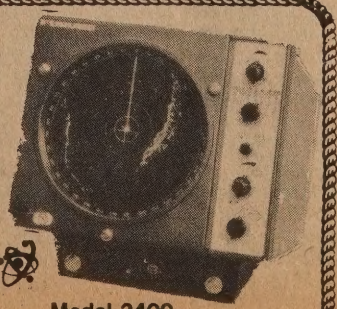

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CATCHING THE "ODD COUPLE"

by Gerald Hahn

Blues and porgies do not go together like hot apple pie and vanilla ice cream. For bluefish are the most vicious pelagic welterweights in the northeast and porgies are mere, albeit underrated, bottom fish. Yet on the north shore, the two species are often found on the end of a surf fisherman's stringer.

I first noticed this combination about 15 years ago while fishing for summer porgies at Shoreham. The east jetty was open to fishermen at that time and was the more accessible; and by 9AM on a typical summer day it resembled the Lexington Avenue subway station during rush hour. I soon discovered that by then most of the porgies needed cooling off in the Sound's deeper regions and that better fishing occurred at the crack of dawn. Fishing at daybreak, I would load up on the scup before the family fishermen arrived.

One late August dawn, however, I was startled by two fishermen who had arrived before me and secured my favorite spot at the tip of the jetty. Their tackle, moreover, seemed awfully heavy for porgies. I squeezed in near them and soon began taking my usual quota of scup while their two rods showed no indication of life. As I was working on my third porgy, one of their rods took a sharp dip, and line began smoking off the reel. For sure, this was no porgy. While one guy played the fish for what seemed like hours, his buddy scrambled down the rocks and eventually gaffed the fish. It was a blue weighing close to 10 pounds. Ever since that late summer day, I consider it my duty to bring along two fishing outfits for the north shore: one for porgies, the other for blues.

On the north shore the best time to combine this kind of angling is in late-summer and fall. However, double catches are also made even in mid-summer. Both species are taken in the same places, either directly off various beaches or from the jetties on the north shore. I am especially fond of the latter at such places as Garvey Pt., Oyster Bay Harbor, Northport, Shoreham and Mattituck. Since deep water is close by, light tackle can be used for porgies, as well as for school blues. Porgies, for example, are attracted to the tiny organisms that hide and feed among the rocks, and cocktail blues forage near the bars and channels. A 7 foot spinning rod matched with a small reel comparable to the Daiwa 1300-C spooled with 8 or 10 pound test is perfect for catching both species: scup ranging from 3/4 to 1½ lbs., blues weighing 2½ to 3½ lbs.

Porgy fishing requires a couple of #1 beak or claw baitsaver hooks snelled on 12 inch leaders of 30 lb. test, a bank sinker weighing one to three ounces, a snap swivel and a supply of sandworms. Tie the snap swivel to the end of the fishing line with an improved clinch knot, to hold

An unlikely pair of companions, porgies and blues keep north shore beach fishermen busy through late summer and fall.

both the sinker and the hooks which should be tied in tandem. Then thread a one inch segment of worm on each hook, sliding it over the barbs on the shank and leaving just a trace dangling below the point.

Jetty fishing usually provides plenty of action on the scup, especially if you make your cast directly off the end. Let the rig settle to the bottom and tighten the line. If your rod tip doesn't vibrate in a minute, bring the rig back slowly, a few feet at a time, until you locate the fish. Then set the hook (or hooks, as the case may be) quickly, because porgies strike like lightning and run off with the bait. If nothing happens, however, try casting in an arc from the end of the jetty. Each place has it own peculiarities, and it takes awhile to figure out the right pattern. For example, at Shoreham's east jetty, I used to find most of the fish either due north or northwest where a rise in the bottom swings out to sea. At Mattituck's west jetty, however, I often find the fish only a few feet out, particularly on the west side.

School blues are taken from the jetties as well. Sometimes, they are way out, and other times they herd bait right into the shallows. Indeed, I've taken more schoolies about halfway along the jetties than from the ends. As mentioned, this kind of fishing can be pursued with the same light tackle that is used for porgies. Simply replace the bottom rig with a short coated wire leader and add a 3/4 to 1 ounce tin. A few all-white lead-head bucktails weighing 1/4 to 3/8 ounces are effective on north-side school blues as well.

Metal lures should be worked quickly, with the rod tip held low, as when fishing from the deck of a party boat. Bucktails, however, are more effective with a slightly slower retrieve and with long up-and-down sweeps of the rod. They are also livelier when tied directly to the end of the fishing line or to a shocker. Bucktails flutter on the down-stroke, their hairs expanding, as the weighted head noses toward the bottom.

Although there is generally more consistent action from the jetties, the largest of both species are taken directly off the beaches. I have seen this happen time and again at such places as Dosoris, Lloyd Pt. , Miller Place, Rocky Pt. and Wildwood, wherever offshore boulders or sand bars are located. Since the beaches provide more room for the surf fisherman, two rods can be fished at once. A 9 foot rod matched with a medium sized surf spinning reel spooled with 20 pound test is in order for this kind of fishing. If you're fishing exclusively with bait for both species, two sand spikes will secure the rods. A nice thing, however, is that you can spike the porgy rod and cast artificials to the choppers. Years ago, I remember seeing a surfcaster at Wildwood secure his stretch of beach with four rods, three spiked and one held in the hand. By the end of a typical day, depending on the season, his pail was loaded with porgies or blackfish and a couple of monstrous forked tails.

Large blues on the Sound can be taken with metal, poppers and darters in the 1 to 3 ounce range at dawn and dusk. Unless there is a big run, however, as happens in the fall, most of the choppers prefer bait. I've even found this to be the case when fishing from a boat on the Sound. The five

pound schoolies are suckers for a diamond jig, but the 10 pounders want the real thing. To a blue, the real thing is anything fishy and edible: menhaden, mackerel, squid, butterfish, assorted baitfish and fish fry, as well as eels and strips cut from almost any fish, including sea robins.

There are several ways to rig up for large blues, although they fall into two categories: sub-surface and bottom. Both rigs begin with a 6/0 beak on a five inch single strand wire leader, both colored brown. A dark barrel swivel at the end of the leader bridges the hook to the running line. For sub-surface fishing, no weight is used although some people may add a rubber core sinker about 18 inches above the hook. For bottom fishing, an 8 inch length of weak monofilament is tied to the upper eye of the barrel swivel. Then an end loop is tied with this line for securing a two to four ounce bank sinker.

A fellow once showed me how he fishes with bait for surfacing blues. method, by the way, is also deadly from a jetty. First, the tide should be going out. Next, after casting, the bail is left open. Lastly, the rod is whipped up and down at regular intervals, so that the bait drifts offshore. At this point, any blue in the vicinity will smash it. On the other hand, bottom fishing for blues is really no different from bottom fishing for porgies.

Baiting up, of course, is entirely different, since the edibles mentioned are so varied in size and shape. Butterfish, for example, are best secured through the eyes and then in the shoulder whereas other whole fish are usually rigged through the mouth and out the gill cover, and then near the tail. Strip baits, whether cut from the back of a bunker or a mackerel into 1x3s are impaled near one end and then in the center, so that at least half the bait will dangle in the current. These fish can also be rigged as chunk bait: steaks split in half at the backbone and hooked twice, beginning through the skin and out near the bone, and ending out of the skin. Squid and eels are rigged strictly through the head.

Double duty fishing can be performed at the same time. In the summer, however, it is best to fish for blues in low light and for porgies around a tidal change in the day. Later on, when the weather cools and both species begin on a feeding binge before departing—porgies to the Continental Shelf, blues to the south—fishing is excellent throughout the day.

Blues and porgies are best taken when the Sound is mildly rippled by westerly breezes, although there are good days even when the water's as flat as sheet metal. Northeasters should be avoided, however, because the inshore waters are clogged with vegetation. Try this double-action combo on the north shore. Porgies and blues may not be kissin' cousins, but they often go hand-in-hand on the surf man's stringer.

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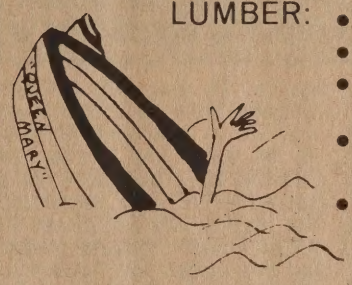

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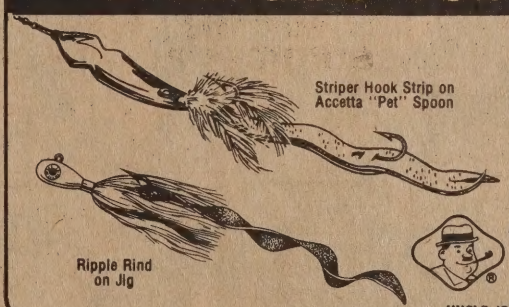

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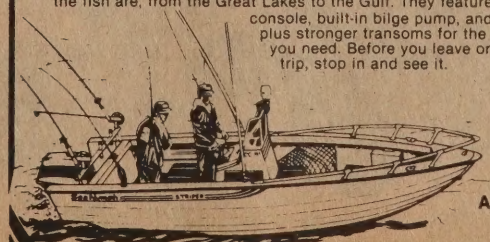

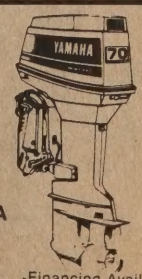

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STATEN ISLAND'S BACK BAY WEAKS

by Rich Giessuebel

New York Bight anglers count on Staten Island's Princess Bay to provide some fine summer weakfish action.

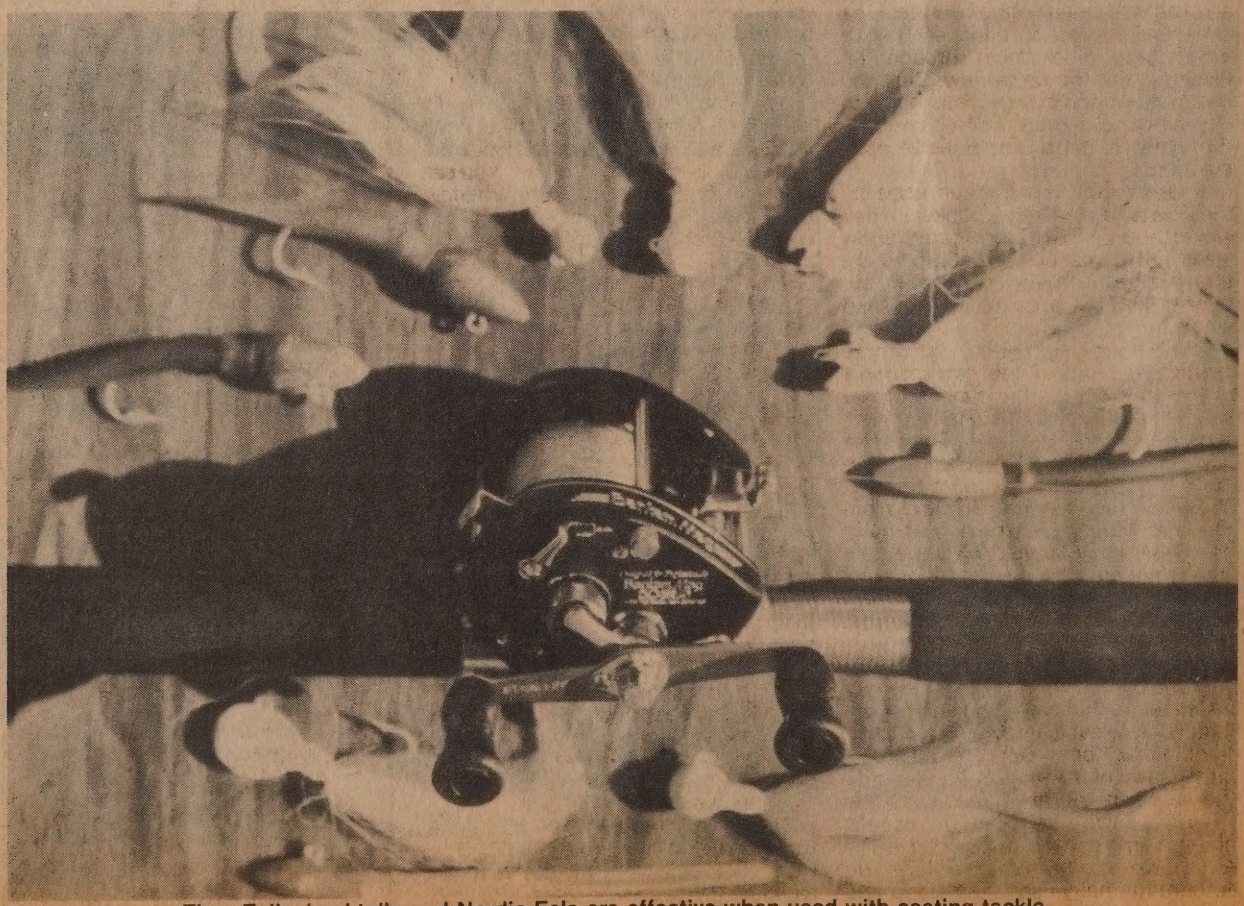
Last year, anglers really expected to have an excellent weakfishing season. As it worked out for most, they were wondering if the weakfish ever did in fact show up. Well, the answer to that question is that they did, and some anglers who knew where they were never let on until the fishing had slowed.

The place where the weakfish were first caught and continued to be caught for sometime in very high numbers was in the vicinity of Princess Bay just off Staten Island in New York. The fishery for the most part was an evening affair with chumming, worming, live lining, and bucktailing doing the trick.

The general location of the best action last year was the first slope outside Great Kills Habor where the bay fell off from six to eight feet to 12 to 14 feet. The shallow water is marked by a black can #4 and sits generally between the Amboys channel marker #20 and Great Kills Bug Light. Once in the area of can #4, line up the three radio towers found on Staten Island, and you are where most of the action occurred during the early season in '83. Should the fishing pick up again this year, just come out of Great Kills Harbor and head south. Keep angling offshore and if the weakfish are biting, you will not miss the small fleet of boats that will be anchored in this area.

During the daylight hours, spend your time fishing bucktails, tiger tails and Nordic eels. You drift while fishing this type of lure, especially in the late afternoon. However, come dusk you can fish these lures by casting and retrieving from an anchored boat. You can also bounce them off the bottom behind the boat in a strong current. The key to this area is that it is the transitional ground between the daytime resting place and the nighttime feeding place. So we drift during the day and then fish at anchor come evening.

While using bucktails during the day, fish channel edges and deep water holes. Weakfish will take to the deeper waters, especially if there is much boat traffic, or if the sun is



Tiger Tails, bucktails and Nordic Eels are effective when used with casting tackle.

super bright. Should the fish prove non-receptive to lures, try a high-low weakfish rig baited with blood or sand worms.

Weakfish are often called tide-runners, because they will move on the tide into shallow water areas. Once in the shallows they feed upon smaller fish. Mix the high tide with evening and you stand your best chance to get into position and help the weakfish move through your area by putting out some chum. Chum is a mixture of small pieces of food that will attract fish to the back end of your boat. The chum should be composed of grass shrimp if possible. You can get grass shrimp in some stores. Fred's Bait & Tackle in Perth Amboy has on occasions had grass shrimp for sale, or you can gather your own shrimp from seaweed that's hanging around any barnacle area.

Take a big white five gallon pail and put the seaweed into the pail. If there's shrimp in the weed, they will drop off into the water. Continue to put shrimp into the water every so often, and if there are weakfish in the area, they will feed on the shrimp and follow the current right to the back of your boat.

Once behind the boat, all you have to do is get them to feed on your offerings. Should you be using worms, allow them to suspend just off the bottom. This is best accomplished in a current. If there is little current, set up as you would for fluke, and cast and retrieve small snapper blues. The snappers should be between 3 to 6 inches long. Hook them through the lower lip and the upper jaw. Cast the snapper out and bring it back slowly. Remember, put grass shrimp chum in the water to attract weakies to your position.

Another bait that is often used by the Staten Islanders is bunker. They will cut up FRESH bunker and allow slabs of it to rest on the bottom where the weakies can pick it up. If the bunker isn't too large, it can be fished whole.

As for using lures, stick to swimming plugs if the current isn't moving. However, if it is moving, you can fish any type of bucktail or tiger tail right behind the boat. Simply let your line out until the lure hits the bottom. Then, let some more line out and allow the lure to drift away from the boat. Engage your reel and hang on. The current should give the lure some motion. If it isn't giving any motion, then you can raise and lower your rod tip to impart some action on the lure.

With chum, bait and lures the only way you can go wrong is if the fish do not show. In that case, you can try the mouth of Great Kills Harbor or fish right along the beach between the black cans of Amboys Channel and the shore in the area known as the "Reach." Weakfish can be caught here using methods mentioned earlier. However, swimming plugs do account for many fish taken along this stretch.

As for Great Kills Harbor, the bait is bunker! The reason for this is the tremendous schools of bunker that live in Great Kills Harbor all summer. In fact, many anglers catch their own fresh bunker from these schools.

Here's how they do it: first of all, you must tie a weighted treble snagging hook to the end of your line. Then, tie two dropper loops about 12 inches apart above the weighted treble. Place a size 2 treble on each dropper loop. Now, ride into Great Kills Harbor and look for the schools of bunker. Sometimes they can be found right outside the harbor, but on most occasions they are inside. Once you have found them, cast well over the school of breaking fish. Allow your weighted treble to sink to the bottom, and then jig the weighted treble back to the boat.

It helps to pull and gather all the way back to the boat. Do not baby this rig. It is designed to hit and penetrate the bunker. Once hooked, you will feel a fish on the other end. Reel him in and get another. You can also add bunker to your grass shrimp chum. So, if you have the opportunity to get some bunker for your day's fishing, don't pass it by.

As for tackle, the weakfish in this area last year were five to twelve pounds. The boat traffic in the area was heavy, so you couldn't play around too much with your catch. Therefore, keep the tackle medium. Try rods in 6' 6" and 7' lengths, combined with a mid-size levelwind reel and you are in business. Use no more than 12 lb. test line and catching these fish should be lots of fun.

You can fish this area from an aluminum boat. It is about one mile offshore and only two miles from the mouth of Great Kills Harbor. You can also put in at Keyport. Simply follow the Keyport Channel out and across to rock pile #20 on the Amboys Channel. Just beyond, and in a direct line with Great Kills Bug Light, you will come across can #4. This is not recommended, because it is difficult crossing at night. It is much easier to just go into Great Kills Harbor where there's a convenient boat launch ramp and tackle shop at your disposal.

Keep your eyes and ears open. See if Staten Island reports in this magazine say when the weakfishing in this area picks up. Or, fish the area on several occasions after the first week of July and see for yourself if the area is going to be hot again this year. Many of the regulars are closed mouth about their catches and the only way you'll know if the weakies are biting is to be out there fishing, or when someone catches an especially big fish and weighs it in at one of the local tackle shops. That's when it will appear in The Fisherman reports, but until this happens you will have to do some exploring on your own.

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by Tom Schlichter

Porgies and sea bass offer sinker bouncers in these parts a pleasant reprieve from a steady diet of summer fluke.

Mention the name "Great South Bay" to any Long Island angler and the thoughts you are likely to stir are those of winter flounder, tiderunner weakfish or summer fluke. Indeed, these are the mainstays of most fishermen who work this varied body of water. But for a few dedicated sinker bouncers, summertime features two other prominent, though less heralded treats. Enter the silvery, beak-faced porgy and his cohort in bait stealing—the dark, multi-hued sea bass.

Favorites of party boat fishermen in other ports, these two bottom dwellers both frequent the depths of Great South Bay, though admittedly not in size or numbers sufficient to draw the consistent attention of the open boat fleet. Most fishermen are aware of their presence only through chance encounterings while pursuing other species.

Although I had known that sea bass inhabited this bay since I was a youngster, my attention was first drawn to its porgy population when I managed to accidentally hook a 1½ pound specimen while drifting for fluke off Ocean Beach. Quite pleased by this catch, I rebaited with sand eel and squid to continue my quest for flatfish and was doubly surprised to latch onto another, though smaller, porgy. As action on the fluke had been non-existent up to that point, I decided to anchor up and concentrate my efforts on the little critters.

Changing over to a small eagle claw hook, I began to fish seriously for porgies. At first I offered the sand eel baits. However, they would not withstand the fast pecking assaults, so I eventually relented and switched to small squid strips to curtail the bait stealing. With the more rubbery bait, I began to take a steady pick of half pound porgies and, wouldn't you know it, before leaving, nailed a three pound fluke. By the time I was ready to pull anchor a dozen porgies plus the fluke were flapping in the cooler. The action was never as fast as I've experienced on the north shore or east end, but it sure was better than the fluking that day.

I've run into sea bass in Great South Bay frequently while drifting for fluke, especially in the area from the Fire Island Lighthouse to just west of the Robert Moses Bridge. As is the case with porgies, the sea bass is not quite as populous as in waters further east although there certainly are enough fish about to keep everyone interested. Averaging about a pound in weight, these strong fighters are primo in the pan!

While most of the porgies found here will fall into the one-half to three-quarter pound range, there are occasions when one to two pound specimens prevail.

Neither of these scavengers are overly picky about what they ingest. Clams, worms, shrimp, squid strips, shiners and sand eels will all produce. For the porgies I prefer skimmer clam or small squid pennants. Do not make the mistake of overloading your hook with bait as these small-mouthed school fish will pull and tug a large bait until it becomes a free meal.

Most of the better porgy fishermen here bait up using a two hook rig tied in just above the sinker or a high-low rig. Number two or four porgy hooks are the best choice to make your point with the fish. A few fishermen combine these rigs to produce a three hook setup, although I personally find two hooks hard enough to concentrate on.

If you ask me, the high-low rig is your best bet as it affords the very real possibility of connecting with a passing weakfish, sea bass, sea robin or even snapper blue. Bait the bottom hook with a tiny piece of skimmer, the top with a thin pennant of squid.

Getting bites is easy, although hooking porgies takes a special knack. The only way to get good at it is to practice and learn from your mistakes. Don't worry, though, once you find the fish there will be plenty of opportunities to sharpen your skills.

Our little friend generally takes a bait quickly with little or no suspense involved. For this reason it will behoove you to be "on your toes" once the fish start biting. Strike with a sharp, short, uplift of the wrist as soon as the first nibble is transmitted through your line.

Sea bass generally respond well to clam baits although I have to tell you that a lively two inch killie is tough to beat—especially when there are larger bass around. Related to the freshwater sunfish and basses, these saltwater predators are just as much fun to catch. Again, a high-low rig, this time with a 2/0 Sproat or claw style hook tied in four inches above the sinker and a second hook placed 12 to 16 inches above that, serves to catch the most fish while offering the greatest chance at variety.

Sea bass and porgies make ideal targets for youngsters. They are usually quite cooperative and the prospect of landing a few "double headers" during a day's outing will bring a smile to almost anyone's face. Light to medium spinning or conventional outfits are ideal for catching both species, especially in the back bay areas or around slack tide. If fishing for sea bass up around the inlet, however, you may need three or four ounces of lead and slightly heavier tackle to hold bottom once that tide starts pushing. In any case, use the lightest tackle practical so that you will be able to fully enjoy the struggle of each and every fish.

Porgies generally like sandy bottoms bordered by mussel beds or light cover. Sea bass are more structure oriented, choosing to hold over rocky bottom or sites such as Kismet Reef and the base of Robert Moses Bridge. While sea bass activity is primarily restricted to the deeper waters close to Fire Island Inlet (they prefer to have a good 15 feet of water above their heads), porgies do frequent back bay locations. Both are worked at anchor as drifting does not allow one to take full advantage of their schooling and residential nature.

The Amityville Cut is prime porgy territory as are some sections of the state channel. Porgies are also often taken off buoy 13, Ocean Beach, the Copiague Hole, and Hemlock Cove, although mussel or bunker chum seems to be a prerequisite in these areas. Chumming for sea bass near the Robert Moses Bridge or over Kismet Reef is unadvisable as the pot generally brings in undesirable bergalls.

When it comes time for dinner, I know that you'll be quite pleased with the palatability of these groundfish. Each of them can be prepared in a variety of ways. I like my porgies deep fried while sea bass make my mouth water when baked with celery, sliced onions, garlic and lots of butter. Anyway, the cat's out of the bag now about Great South Bay's "other fish." Give sea bass and porgies a try here. I'm sure you'll agree they're lots of fun.

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HOW TO BEAT THE SUMMER HEAT

by J.B. Kasper

A few tips on how to catch good in spite of the summer doldrums.

With the summer heating up fast and the hot, muggy dog days taking their toll on our lakes and reservoirs, many fishermen beat a hasty retreat to their air conditioned homes. However, there are a lot of nice bass to be caught and all that is required to get in on this summer bonanza is some dark surface plugs and a can of insect repellent.

Because of the high light penetration or the low oxygen count near the surface in most of our lakes and ponds, fish seek the deeper reaches, or weed-covered areas to escape the bright rays of the sun. As a result, most of the largemouth bass and the bigger ones at that, will feed during the dark hours of the night. Here are some methods that have worked for me over the past few seasons and I hope they help you beat the summer doldrums.

To begin with, our main target during the evening hours will be the largemouth bass, but that doesn't mean to say that pickerel and other fish won't fall victim to these methods. Your main weapon in battling these moonlight feeders will be dark surface plugs, such as the jointed Jitterbug, Crazy Crawler and Sputterbug. The tools necessary to handle these plugs will be a medium action spinning rod and reel combination. My personal choice is a Sigma 030 and a medium action rod. Other equipment that will prove useful is a battery powered light such as those used by surf fishermen, a landing net and some type of insect repellent to chase away those midnight dive bombers.

Over the years, dark plugs, especially black ones, have proven to be the best. Most lure companies make dark color surface plugs; however, if you have a hard time finding black or dark plugs, there are a couple of ways to darken some of the ones that you already have. First, you can paint them black with model paints that can be purchased at paint or hobby shops. After painting, spray them with a clear lacquer to prevent them from fading. Never try to brush on the lacquer as it will cause the model paint to streak.

The second way that you can darken plugs is to use a magic marker. This will work in a pinch and is a temporary method. The magic marker will fade faster than paint and sometimes is not compatible with a clear lacquer. However, if you are short on plugs and need one in a hurry, it's quicker than painting and takes less time to dry.

Expansive lakes are hard to fish for beginners, but there are hotspots: In the larger impoundments that have dams with rock fronts, the bass will have quick access to deep water and will stay close to these dams. The dam itself is always a prime spot for the moonlight fisherman. These areas will be especially productive when there is a slight breeze blowing off the lake at the dam. Baitfish will often school up near the surface to feed on the many bugs that have fallen into the water; and the breeze will blow the insects toward the rocks and the baitfish will follow them. Largemouth bass and other game fish will move right into these areas, feeding on the forage fish.

On a moonlit night, the wake of your surface plug can be seen as you make your retrieve, and you must keep alert, as most hits will be sudden and when you least expect them. The best way to work these areas is to cast your plug right along the dam, parallel to it, and retrieve it just fast enough to allow the plug to make noise and throw a wake. Many times the hits will come right against the rocks. But if not, make each cast a little farther away from the dam. You should also work your way along the dam and move up a few feet every four or five casts. This will allow you to cover the entire area. These dams can be difficult to walk along because of the rocks laid down to prevent erosion, and it will help to wear an old pair of golf shoes or some type of spikes like those used by jetty fishermen. The boat fisherman, of course, does not have this problem.

The next areas that will pay off at night will be bathing beaches and boat launches that are busy during the daytime. These areas will be more productive during the early morning

Some of author's favorite top-water summer plugs.

hours before dawn than in the evening, but should not be overlooked after sundown, especially in the early fall when the water starts getting cooler and the swimmers disappear. These areas tend to have sandy or gravel bottoms and quite a few game fish move through to feed on the forage fish that frequent these places. Many fishermen clean their catches, release leftover live bait and throw scraps of food into the water after a day's fishing, and this helps to attract baitfish. It also helps to attract insects that fall into the water and are fed on by sunfish and other small species.

If these areas are not too well used, they also attract spawning bass and panfish. Many of these fish will stay in the area long after they are done spawning and can be taken during the evening hours. Any area that is used for spawning will be a hotspot just after the bass come off the beds, and is a good place to try when the water temperature hits the 80s. There are two basic ways of fishing these spots. First, if you're fishing from shore, you should cast parallel to the shoreline whenever possible and use the same method that you use when fishing along the dam—working your way farther out with each cast and covering as much of the surface areas as you can. Since I fish mostly from shore at night, this is the method that I use most.

On occasion, however, when I fish with a partner, I use a boat and this requires changing my methods a little. In the case of the spawning areas, I will cast the plugs at the shoreline and work them back to the boat. If the area that I am fishing is large in size, I will move the boat right next to the shoreline and cast parallel to it, moving the boat a few feet after every four or five casts. After I have moved away from the shallow water, I will move my boat farther away from my starting point, about double the distance of a good cast, and then move the boat close to the shoreline and repeat the process. The one thing that I find different from daytime fishing is that if I hook a fish and it causes a commotion on the surface of the water, other fish will not be spooked. In fact, it can stimulate them into excitement. So don't worry about the bass thrashing around on the surface; it may help the fishing.

Another spot where nighttime lunkers are vulnerable is the small farm pond or irrigation pond that is overlooked by many fishermen. These ponds are very seldom larger than a few acres. However, they hold some fine fishing and because of their size, the water temperature during the midsummer months will reach the high 80s and sometimes will pass the 90 degree mark. Some of the ponds lack cover or shade and the fish will lie on the bottom or in the weeds (if there are any) to escape the bright sunlight. The only time the bass feel safe is at night and that's when they go on the prowl for an easy meal.

Since surface plugs such as the Jitterbug, Crazy Crawler and Sputter Bug have a built-in action that imitates small mice or other small animals that sometimes swim across the water, they are very effective in these ponds. After all, what respectable largemouth could pass up a free mouseburger?

Incidentally, a strong breeze blowing across a pond all day often means good fishing there that night. The wind blows insects into the water and mixes oxygen with the surface layer, resulting in more active bait and game fish.

One other trick that I have learned about fishing the graveyard shift is the use of the 9 inch ringworm. Since eels feed during the dark hours, these plastic baits can be extremely effective. They are very productive along rock base dams and should be cast parallel to the dam and retrieve in a slow, steady manner with a jerky motion. Bass laying along the rocks will smash them and you will have to set the hook hard and fast. I rig these baits with two hooks: one in front and one about midway down the worm. This will allow you to hook the fish no matter how he takes it, as long as you strike immediately.

Working the evening shift at your local pond or lake can be very productive as long as you can stay awake. So don't just dream of those summertime lunkers when you can have them for the taking.

The best summertime bass action is reserved for when the sun goes down.

AGROUND ON THE SOUND

by Andy Regina

While not you classic surf fishing grounds, the beaches of the western Sound do provide some fine "surf" action.

The paradox about surf fishing in western Long Island Sound is that there IS no surf in western Long Island Sound. If images of rubber-clad anglers brandishing telephone pole length rods and battling mountainous waves come to mind—disregard them. Here our surf fishing is a subtler art, performed on gentle shores with saner tackle. The roar of the ocean surf is replaced by the happy gurgle of frothy wavelets giggling up a gravelly shelf, then tinkling merrily as they scurry back into the Sound. The booming crash is a whisper of foam. Our surf fishing is better labeled fishing from shore, because that's what it is. Wet suits are rarely seen in these parts and chest-highs are only a necessity for those who insist on wading out to offshore bars to do their fishing. We do wear boots though, but only because we do not want to get our feet wet.

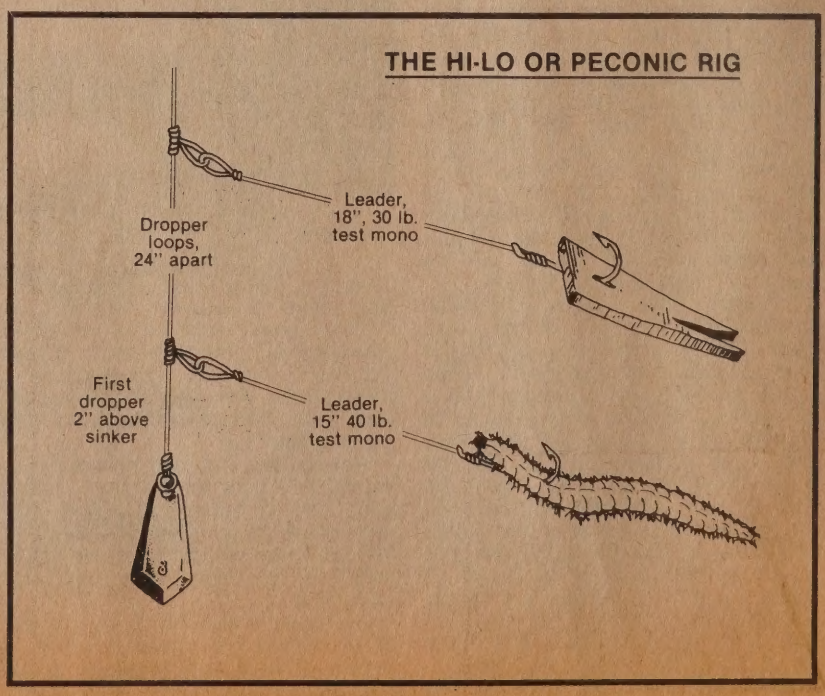
Patience holds sway, here in the west, because we rely heavily on bait to get the job done for us and bait fishing is almost always a sit and wait proposition. This is not to infer that bait fishing is an inferior method by any means. When approached properly, it can be a highly productive technique. But surf fishing means fishing with lures to most of us, so we tote at least two rods to the beach. Our big guns never reach those 10 or 12 foot lengths frequently seen along the ocean because we do not have that high surf to contend with, heavy weights to cast, or distant targets to reach. We use an 8 or 9 foot, medium action rod for bait fishing and a smaller, lighter rod for lures, usually something in the 7 foot, light or medium-light class, with a fast tip. The bait rod should be capable of casting four ounce sinkers when necessary and the small stick should be geared to handle lures in the one-quarter ounce to one ounce range.

Though you might assume that baits are the same all over, especially within the same area, there are differences between baits used in the Sound and those used in the Atlantic Ocean, a scant mile or so away. First of all, clams and squid, two popular ocean baits, are rarely pressed into service along the north shore of Long Island. We favor sea worms, but differ in our choice of worms against those preferred by south shore anglers: our favorites are sand worms, they like bloodworms. Cut baits strike a happy balance. We all use steaks (chunks) or fillets of bunker (menhaden) or mackerel, and if we do not see those huge mullet migrations along ocean beaches in the fall, we do have some excellent herring runs in the spring. The one thing we all agree on is that any cut bait should be as fresh as possible. Stale or frozen baits not only do not exude the come-hither aroma of fresh baits, they do not withstand the rigors of casting or the leaching effect of tides and currents. We will often rely on chunks cut from almost any bottom fish caught on the spot, rather than resort to frozen baits. Of course, frozen bait is still better than no bait at all, so if you must use it, handle it carefully and check it often.

There are four rigs favored by most beach rats: the single, fixed-hook rig, the hi-lo or Peconic Rig, the multi-hook or pompano rig, and the fish-finder rig. Choice depends upon personal preference, bottom structure and species of game fish being sought. In every rig, hook size is determined by the bait being used as well as the fish you are trying to catch. Fish species dictate the type of leader to be used; bluefish demand wire or nylon covered cable, because of their sharp teeth and striped bass or weakfish call for clear monofilament. Leader strength is dependent upon the size or weight of fish expected to be caught, the class of tackle in use and line strength.

The single, fixed-hook rig is simplest of all. Merely tie a dropper loop into your line somewhere above the sinker and attach a hook. That's it! The correct height to place that hook depends upon the feeding level of the fish. If striped bass are grubbing on the bottom for worms, a hook directly above the sinker would be apropos. However, if bluefish are chasing baitfish at mid-levels, tie that hook from one to three feet off the bottom and make sure it's snelled to a metal leader, either single-strand wire or braided cable. That same high hook, tied to a monofilament leader and baited with whole sea worms, could net mixed bags of striped bass and weakfish, as both species have like feeding preferences. A variation on the single, fixed-hook rig is the tandem or Canarsie rig, featuring two tandem-tied hooks rather than one single and giving the angler two baits instead of one. This is predominantly used as a bottom rig for groundfish.

I like a hi-lo rig when I'm trying to determine game fish feeding levels. With one hook down low and another up high, bait preference could be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determined also. With these two facts in hand, it is easy to use the same bait on both hooks, in quest of the same species, or to try for another species with a different bait. The only rule here is one of common sense; no matter where you place that bottom hook, be certain that the top hook is high enough above that to avoid entangling it.

Pompano or multi-hook rigs feature three or more hooks running up the line at spaced-out intervals. Here again, care should be taken to see that hooks do not entangle. This is easily accomplished by tying each dropper further apart than hook snell lengths. The amount of hooks used is up to the individual, but judgement should be tempered with discretion. Though not a very popular rig hereabouts, the pompano or multi-hook rig could prove highly productive at times, especially on schooling fish.

Fishfinder rigs are probably the most popular rigs of all, the rig favored by the majority of surfcasters most of the time. The line is run through an adapter connected to the sinker and tied to one end of a crane or barrel swivel; a suitable hook is attached to the other end of that swivel. In this manner, the line can flow freely past the sinker when bait is picked up and carried off without alerting the fish by dragging unnatural weight of sinker. The angler is afforded extreme sensitivity through this direct connection from fingertips to fish also—one more reason for its popularity. In addition, this rig works well with all types of bait—be it live, cut, or such soft tempters as clams and worms.

Lures used on western Sound beaches are basically the same as those used everywhere. After all, a good lure is a good lure no matter where, right? The difference here is that our lures might run a bit smaller, in deference to natural bait sizes, generally smaller game fish and light fishing tackle. Bucktails usually are one-quarter to one-half ounce and most plugs never exceed one ounce in weight; our big guns are five inch plugs, as opposed to the seven inch, two ounce models used on the ocean beaches. In daylight we employ metal lures, fondly called "tins," rarely exceeding one ounce in weight, once again light by ocean standards, but ideally suited to the light tackle we favor. Of all artificial lures, plugs may be the most favored, practically everyone's first choice, for several reasons. First they have a magnetic eye appeal that hooks a lot of fishermen if not a lot of fish. They look good. Then, most modern plugs are easy to use. Just tie one on, cast it out and retrieve it straight back. Bingo! You're a fisherman! But the binding reason for plug popularity is the fact that they simply catch fish, sometimes with such dramatic results that some anglers will use nothing else. The sight of the Sound erupting as some fish engulfs your plug is a thrill rarely surpassed and one that remains vividly etched in your memory. Basic plug-fishing rules apply here too: match the hatch when possible, uselight colors in daylight, darker hues at night, and slow down retrieves at night to a crawl. The knowledgeable plug man varies colors and tries different retrieves until the correct combination is arrived at.

A minimum of necessary equipment would include sand spikes, if you use two rods, boots to keep your feet dry, and a gaff for when you get lucky. Some type of light may be needed if you fish at night, which will probably be an eventuality if you take your sport seriously. Should you use a light at night, do not shine it on the water. I don't know if it disturbs fish or not, but it sure makes some guys angry, and a lonely beach at night is not the place to make enemies!

Fishing space along the north shore is limited; most of the shoreline real estate is private property and thereby closed to anglers. Sometimes a polite solicitation from the property owner will gain you entrance, and at other times it will not. Many of us are guilty of breaking trespassing laws every year, but that's not the worst crime in the world today. What happens is that we seek public access as nearby as possible, then walk the wash to our desired spot. We never call attention to ourselves by making noise, showing light, damaging property, or leaving litter behind. Most of the time even when spotted by the property owner, we are seldom chased. Be extremely careful with barbed wire; it can raise hell with waders. It's best to carry your waders past this obstruction, then put them on once safely beyond the barbs. Beware of barking dogs! Most always, the beast will be chained in the yard, but there are plenty of dogs loose also. Freeze at the first bark and analyze the situation. Some dogs keep barking, some do not; some come running, others stay put. Keep your gaff handy, to act as a club if necessary and proceed slowly. Never run unless it becomes dangerous not to do so. We've had dogs follow at our heels, growling all the way, but a slow pace and soothing talk saw us safely by. And watch out for guy wires, those tie-downs folks use on young trees to keep 'em straight. The upper portion catches you in the head and neck area, either almost decapitating you or at least knocking your glasses off, and the lower part always trips you.

You can avoid all these inconveniences simply by fishing from public land. Although most of this land is not the answer to a surfman's dream by any stretch of the imagination, it is better than no land at all; some places better than others. The shoreline from Peacock Point, west to Mattinecock Point, in Glen Cove, boasts some of the best fishing in the western portion of the Sound, but is restricted to Glen Cove residents between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This leaves us the spring and fall in which to take advantage of the gravelly beaches, rocky patches, jetties, and even an excellent fishing pier. Just about everything a shore fisherman could hope for, including, believe it or not, some excellent fishing at times. We sadly lack state parks, such as Sunken Meadow and Wildwood in the east, but must utilize town and county beaches within their non-resident limits.

There is public access to Little Neck Bay, along the shoreline between old Fort Totten and Northern Blvd.; it is easy to reach, has some parking nearby, and yields enough fish annually to merit attention. Our first striped bass of the season are invariably taken

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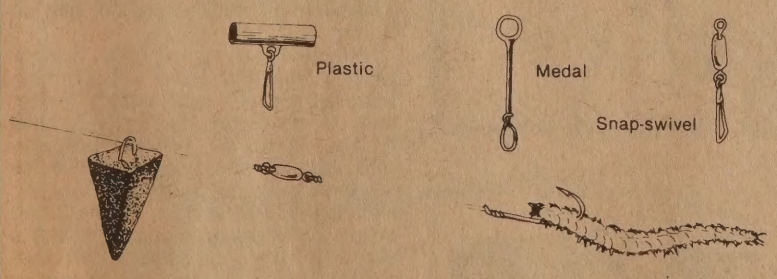

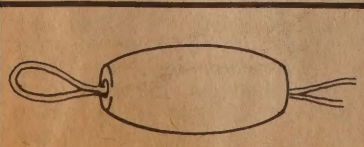

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Run line through sinker eye. Use of adapter is opional. Tie line to barrel swivel with improved clinch knot. Attach 30",30 to 50 lb. test leader to opposite end of swivel, again via improved clinch knot. Ideal worm hook is sliced shank, baitholder Claw style, from 1/0 to 3/0. For cut bait, dispense with baitholder hook, use O'Shaungnessy. For bluefish, use wire or mono-covered cable leader.

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from this area every year, mostly school-sized fish caught on worms fished on bottom from spike held rods. The bay holds little or no water at low tide, limiting production to the two hours at the top and at the onset of the ebb. Just west of the Fort are two jetties that often produce striped bass and bluefish during the season and beyond that, at Whitestone Park, it is still fairly good at times, especially when fishing cut bait on a summer night.

In the Bronx, Ferry Point Park continues to produce decent catches of striped bass and bluefish, especially at night. We use float-buoyed worms or bass in the spring, then switch to bottom fishing with cut bait as the season progresses. Pluggers get in their licks at night here also, and lots of school stripers and some surprisingly large weakfish fall prey to small minnow imitations. Like action occurs under the Throgs Neck Bridge also and the shoreline from that bridge to the old Bronx Beach and Pool. On soft summer nights, a guy with a fly rod can have a ball casting streamers to rising bass or popping tiny plugs to breaking blues. From that point onward, the entire Tremont and Country Club shoreline can prove that happiness does indeed lie in one's own back yard. The amount of small striped bass caught here every year is mind boggling, yet not too many fishermen believe it, for some reason.

Eastchester Bay yields striped bass and bluefish, big bluefish, along the shore from the bridge, past Turtle Cove and the police pistol range at Rodman's Neck. Turtle Cove is well-known for its bass, but like Little Neck Bay, has limited fishing because of the lack of water there at low tide. Rodman's Neck itself hosts some big bluefish, probably due to its proximity to Cuban Ledge, a prolific local reef. Past the City Island Bridge, along the Pelham Bay shore, into the Orchard Beach jetties, fair to good fishing can be had at times, usually dependent on availability of bunker. Hunter Island, past the second jetty at Orchard Beach, produces very well throughout the season for those using cut bait on bottom.

Stretched out along the Sound, running from the Bronx into Connecticut, is most of Westchester County, long famous for its striped bass fishery. Although private property predominates and public land is for residents only, the excellent plugging available is irresistible. Many small jetties are sprinkled along the water's edge and fishing pressure is extremely light. If nothing else, you owe it to yourself to try the breakwater at Iarchmont or one of the jetties near Mamaroneck, some quiet summer night. Then, when school sized bass race each other for the reward of belting your half-ounce swimming plug or explode atop your tiny popper, I'd love to hear your comments on the caliber of the fishing that can be available to the angler who is aground on the western Sound.

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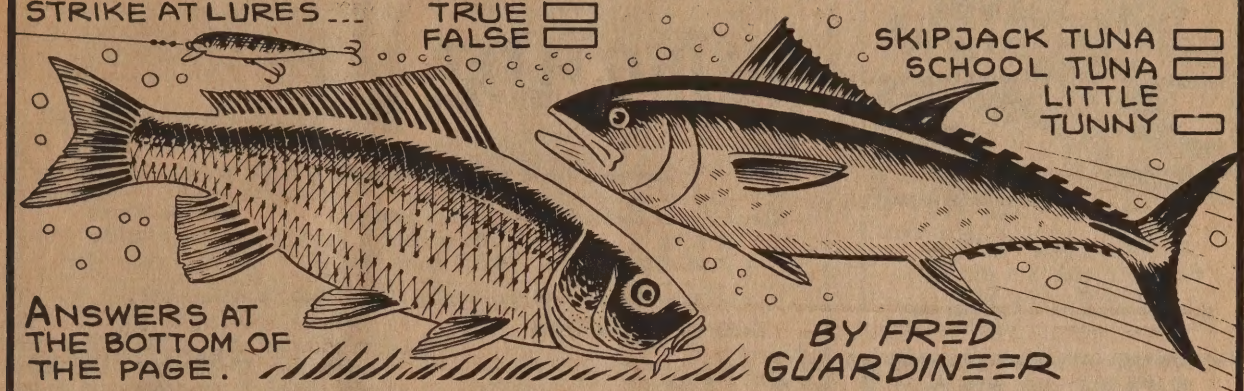

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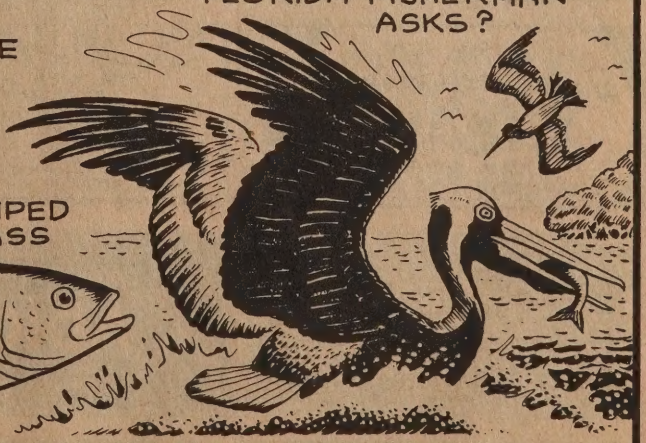

1-FALSE. A 40 LB. CARP WAS CAUGHT ON A RAPPALA PLUG IN LAKE ONTARIO, N.Y. APR. 6, 1983. 2-SCHOOL TUNA. 3-WHALE SHARK. 4-BASS. 5-WEAKFISH 12 INCHES, FLUKE 14 AND STRIPED BASS 24. 6-THE BROWN PELICAN DIVES *DOWNWIND* AND AFTER CATCHING ITS FISH, TURNS AROUND UNDER WATER TO EMERGE FACING *UPWIND*, FOR A QUICK TAKE-OFF IF NECESSARY TO DO SO!

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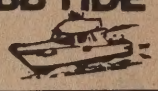

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Delightful weekend weather brought out tremendous amounts of fishermen in crafts of all sizes. Fluke remain red hot; porgy catches declined somewhat over the weekend, either as a result of the full moon or the additional fishing pressure. Large bluefish seem solid at Block Island with small blues in and around all inlets. Offshore, tuna (bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, bluefin of all sizes) have increased in numbers. The first white marlin was brought into Montauk. Concern over around the clock dragger activity increases.

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Henry, at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** expressed concern that the constant dragger activity close to shore will hurt fluke catches for everyone. One can only wonder why draggers must work on weekends among hundreds of charter and private boats close to shore. Guy Gladstone and a friend fished Culloden Point for 40 keeper fluke, the largest 5 lbs. George Westuba and Bill Bates worked off Culloden Point and Shagwong for a catch of 60 fluke. Porgies remain steady at Great Eastern.

Look for details at tackle shops or marinas of the fishing derby sponsored by the Montauk Chamber of Commerce, where certificates are awarded for all inshore species of fish caught at Montauk.

The **Viking Starship** is fluking at the North Rips, where Captain Steven Forsberg, Montauk's youngest party boat captain continues to find big fluke. This week one of the pool fish tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 2 oz. caught by Tom Titone. The **Starlite** now fishing Noman's Land porgies, is experiencing good fishing. High hook

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ranges from 60 to 90 fish per man with 70 percent of the catch porgies, the rest sea bass and blackfish. Codfishing at Coxes Ledge is described as fantastic! Pool winner Sunday on the **Star** was a 40 lb. cod caught by John Koch of Patchogue with Mike Dext of Montauk high hook with 30 codfish. The fish are averaging 10 to 40 lbs. in size. Captain Forsberg feels that bluefishing was slow Thursday and Friday night on the **Starship** due to the bright full moon. However, bluefishing picked up Saturday night when high hook was 18 blues, all over 12 lbs.

Both the **Flying Cloud** and **Little Bear** had fantastic porgy catches all week long, except Saturday, when boat traffic was very heavy. Jackie Reed, a well known fisherman, claims that he has had his best ever catches this week. Very large blackfish were caught on worms brought on board by some fishermen this week as well. Captain Dusty and Captain Fred feel that fishing will be better than ever now that the full moon has come and gone.

The **Marlin IV** "slaughtered" blues Saturday night. Twenty-four anglers caught 300 blues from 10 to 17 lbs., fishing near Block Island. Captain Rade told me that fluking is really good with anywhere from 8 to 12 fluke per man, fish to 7 to 8 lbs. One trip last week accounted for over 10 fish over 6 lbs. in weight.

Many large sharks were brought in to the **Montauk Marine Basin** this past week. The first white marlin of the season—87 lbs.—was caught by John Land of Old Westbury on the Symbol-44. Giant tuna catches increased, although a school of smaller tuna moved in during mid-week which was replaced during the weekend by larger fish. Some notable catches include: porpoise, 499 lbs; Breakaway 557 lbs.; Big Wink, 304 lbs., Tiger Lily 492 lbs.; **Bluefin** (Capt. John Potts) 542 lbs. Hustler 224 lbs.; Option, 535 lbs. and Rob Roy with Joe Mockley, 498 lbs.

Charles Harned boated a whopping 18 bigeye tuna, ranging in weight from 120 to 200 lbs. fishing the Canyon on his boat, Bite-the-Dust. Artie Meadows connected with 5 bigeyes for angler Costos Palles on the Ceilia P. A blue marlin of approximately 500 lbs. was hooked for awhile and lost.

Captain Steve Sekorra trolled for three hours using high speed trolling lures—Green Machines and one Mr. Bill, a new lure—the catch of 3 bigeye tuna, 120 to 180 lbs., 3 yellowfin tuna, 80 to 110 lbs. and 3 albacore, 40 to 50 lbs. was appropriately made on Sandy Nemshin's boat, Grand Slam. Steve noted that one-third of the fish were caught on the Mr. Bill lure.

Captain Harry Dawkins hooked into a 450 lb. mako on Saturday, a half hour into the slick. The angler, Mike Hughes of Larkfield Pub on a charter arranged by Mike Hughes. The fish took 3 hours to subdue on the **Francess Ann II.**

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The **Julie III**, fished Great Eastern on Saturday with a party led by Paul Semengetti of Queens for a catch of 410 porgies to 3¾ lbs. and 32 sea bass to 3 lbs. On Sunday, Captain Ron Grandinetti placed his four man charter on the Peppi II (Captain Eddie Beneducci) for a trip to Coxes Ledge where 102 codfish, weighing from 6 to 33 lbs. were taken by the Carl Ianno party of NYC.

The codfishing was the best of the year, claimed Captain King Wayne, when 14 members of the Stagecoach Fishing Club of Garden City, NY boated 64 codfish to 35 lbs. with the pool winner caught by Teddy Kalpolas. Captain Wayne reported that the average cod was in the 15 to 20 lb. class with two dozen between 20 and 30 lbs. The **King Wayne** fished South of Block Island, where bluefish also took the clam bait meant for cod. On a weekday charter, blue and brown sharks were caught by a group led by Vinny Ferrara.

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Captain Fritz Hubner caught two makos on Tuesday on the **Mistress Too**, the largest weighing 459 lbs.

Captain Joe McBride fished southwest of the Point Saturday, catching bluefish and a couple of sharks. On Sunday, the **My Mate** loaded up with bluefish and also trolled a 60 lb. yellowfin tuna. A few weekend dates are available on the **My Mate** in August. See ad for details.

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The "Viking Starship's" George's Banks trip of 5-26 produced some fantastic fishing. Among the highlights were Bud Cantalupe's 53 lb. cod and Carey Guerriero's pool winning 66 lber.

Sheri Berri. The fish was taken by Al Engle of Edison, New Jersey after a 45 min. fight on 30 lb. tackle. On Sunday, a half day of sharking produced a 146 lb. dusky for Sam Gnasso of Fort Lee, New Jersey—Sam's first big fish.

Captain Paul Stern boated a bluefin tuna of 230 lbs. last weekend on the **Tuna Tangler**. Later in the week, a 900 lb. giant was hooked but broke off.

Captain Phil Lewis claimed that sharking was a little slow this week, however, Bob Frake did catch and release a small mako caught on the **Adios** on Saturday. Sunday's charter loaded up with bluefish. The anglers included a very pregnant lady plus 2 doctors! Earlier in the week a tuna of 513 lbs. was taken by Joe Madigan; a group from Yonkers caught a 448 lb. tuna after catching many bluefish.

Captain Bill Ricca expressed concern that perhaps pressure of round the clock dragger activity at Gin Beach and Block Island is perhaps accounting for the slowness of fluke in some areas. Saturday's charter on the **Alyssa Ann**, led by Steve Goldstein of Scarsdale, N.Y. caught two small brown sharks, fishing in 230 feet of water south of the Point. On Sunday Irving Newman and his friend from Monroe, NY jigged 14 weakfish to 9 lbs. The fluking was slow.

Captain Greg Beacher has installed a new engine in the **Dawn**. On a test run they boated a 385 lb. giant tuna.

Maureen Sennefelder of **Gone Fishing Marina** spoke about good fluking at Shagwong and the North

Rips. Porgies remain steady at Great Eastern. A good number of blackfish were taken over the weekend in 35 feet of water on the south side, near the Radar Tower. A 175 lb. mako was brought to gaff on the Compromise fishing about 20 miles southeast of the Point on Sunday. The crew reported seeing four other makos!

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach told me that fluking is red hot on the **Wilhelric**, fishing Gardiner's Island. Some days as many as 15-20 keepers per man are taken. On Sunday, Dick Rosenbaum won the pool with a fluke of just under 7 lbs. He and his grandson, Danny totaled 15 fluke. the size of the fish has really improved with 70-80 percent keepers. The fish are apparently holding in since there is a tremendous amount of bait in the water. Capt. Lach has decided to have ladies day on Mondays AND Tuesdays from now on, due to popular demand (women will be half price). **Wilhelric** porgies were very good on Friday, with 40-50 per man caught. On Saturday, 30 anglers caught 3,000 porgies. Gloria and Pedro Uega from theBronx totaled 268 porgies between them. Ralph Perfetti and Mateo Scribick counted 300 fish! Frances Age took 103 porgies back to the Bronx. The fish range in size from medium to large with quite a few seabass mixed in. Capt. Lach is fishing the north side of Plum Island---porgy paradise.

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** said that mixed sizes of porgies were caught just outside the Sag Harbor breakwaters, near the red spindel, by his anglers over the weekend. Average catches ranged from 50-80 fish. Porgies were also taken at Cedar Beach Point as well. Fluking at the Ruins is very good, with 80-90 percent keepers. Ray Smith of Sag Harbor returned to the fishing station with approximately 100 fluke averaging 3 lbs over the weekend. Small blues remain solid at Jessups with the first showing of small (shorts) stripped bass. Reminder the $100,000 tagged bluefish will be held in Gardiner's Bay Saturday and Sunday. Call Chris for details.

Helen Jacobsen found the fishing down a bit this weekend attributed to extremely heavy boat traffic. However, a group of two boats lead by Mr. Diaz did very well on porgies fishing near Buoy 14 from **Noyac**.

Dynamite fluking according to Thom Speckenback of **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Hot spot continues to be Gardiner's Island and the Ruins, and between the Ruins and Buoy 1. Shinnecock has many short fluke both in the east and west channel, with larger fluke outside on the west side. Peconic porgies and flounder have been slow according to Thom, with a lot of small blues holding in. Offshore Lee Berglin, Dwane Arnister, and Mark Boruche fished in 180 ft of water, taking a 185 degree course from Shinnecock, where they connected with a school of mako sharks. Three makos were kept: weights of 235, 175 and 110 lbs, two were tagged and release; two were hooked and dropped. They also reported seeing lots of tuna activity. I overheard CB chatter Saturday of tuna boated (one by a small girl, talking to her mom). While in a shark tournament, I saw vast schools of tuna breaking water starting at the 140 foot line. They appeared to range in weight from 20 to 100 lbs. I caught a 23½ lb. bluefin on a diamond jig while sharking.

All boats were rented during the weekend at **Corr's Fishing Station** according to Jay Kowalski. Fluking was pretty good with 12-15 keepers per boat, fish to 2½ lbs. There are lots of small blues in the inlet with best action at dusk: Jeff and Glen Kowalski cast rebels for a short time, accounting for 2 dozen small blues. Larger blues, 3-5 lbs, can be found about a mile offshore. A bucket of porgies was located at Rudy's "secret spot in the Peconics" in a 3 hour fishing spree. It was noted that blueclaw crabs have shown up near the marina, and lots of small snappers are now being taken. Ronnie Woodward caught 3 makos, all under 100 lbs. fishing on the Galloping Ghost about 13 miles offshore.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Fluke fishing showed a marked improvement in the ratio of keepers to shorts as well as a considerable increase in the average size of keepers being taken in Moriches and particularly Great South Bay.

Offshore fishing provided the first solid tuna action of the season with many yellowfins taken in the vicinity of the Texas Tower. School bluefins were thick inshore as close as 110' of water. Snappers are now at most docks and piers though they are still on the small side.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Flounder continue to give fluke plenty of competition here despite the improved fluke action. Our own Lorry Mangan fished out of **Hi Way Fishing Station** on Friday with Walter Szalankewicz and his friend Seymour. The trio corraled 120 flounder ranging

Harold Saks, Joe Muniz and Mike Venezia with a fine catch of shirt-sleeve flounder taken recently near buoy 36 in Moriches Bay. The trio fished out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport.

from 1-2 pounds on the last half of incoming water. They worked some of the deeper parts of the bay using clam bait and clam and mussel chum. One of the bigger fluke taken from this area over the past week was a 7.2 pounder taken by Fred Schramm aboard the private boat "The Old Guys". It took a strip of fluke belly opposite Tadsen's Fishing Station.

School tuna were thick in 140' of water SE of Moriches Inlet on the weekend. Lorry managed one 24 pound bluefin on a diamond jig while killing time between sharks.

John Stellingworth showed Jeff Frey of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** a catch of 80 flounder ranging between ¾ and 1¼ pounds on Friday. John took the fish on sandworms in the vicinity of buoy 40. On Saturday, Al Lubbers and friends fished out of the same Seatuck Cove station and worked the stretch of deep water between buoys 35 and 36 south of the Coast Guard Station. The finished the day with 21 nice fluke taken on sandeel and squid combos during the last of the flood and the first of the outgoing. Jeff noted that the ratio of shorts to keepers has been hovering around 3:1 although some of the deeper spots of the bay seem to have a better share of keepers.

Over at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich said that both fluke and flounder provided good fishing this week and weekend. Of the flounder, one boat on Sunday returned from the deep water at buoys 35 and 36 with 125 flatties. All were taken on bloodworms. In the fluke department, Phil Sztorz found a lode of quality fish inside the Elbow on Saturday. Keeping half of what he caught, he wound up with 45 nice fluke, all taken on spearing and squid combo. Gary noted that the shallower parts of the bay seem to surrender 3 or 4 shorts for each keeper as opposed to the 50/50 ratio of the Inlet and Elbow. Small blues still roam the bay.

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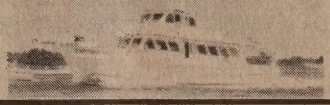

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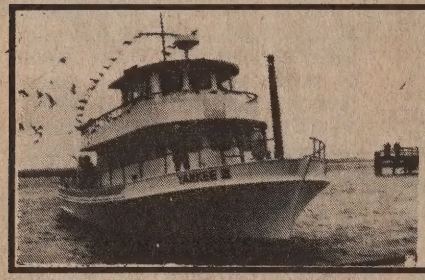

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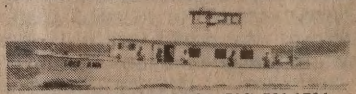

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GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

The stretch of narrow bay between buoys 17 and 26 produced some very good fluke action this past week according to JoAnn Flint of **Capt. Andy's Fishing Station** in **Mastic Beach**. Lots of shorts were still mixed with the keepers down at this end of the bay but a fair number on nice sized fish were included in most catches. Sandeel baits fished on any moving tide accounted for the action. Small blues were down at buoy 26 and lots of crabs around but most are still bearing eggs and should not be taken.

Snappers making a showing at the Blue Point Dock, Patchogue Town Docks and Corey Creek Dock according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue.** The fish are still on the small side but showing some improvement. There was an increased number of fluke along with an occasional keeper being taken from the docks as well. Crabs are around but far from solid. Fluke are the good news with good numbers of keepers now showing up in Great South Bay. Moriches Bay still has its areas with a 4:1 short to keeper ratio. One angler stopped by the shop during the week and showed Paul 10 keepers, the result of a 40 fish catch. Blues providing some good action at Patchogue on jigs and chum and a few small summer run weaks starting to show off of West Sayville. Ocean Beach saw a fair number of small weaks taken this past week on sandworms and squid strips.

Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** checked in 20 nice fluke up to 3 pounds and 2 blues for Frank LaMotte, Tony Carriero and John O'Donnell on Thursday. They were taken from the West Channel area. Charlie and Flo Weiss put 13 fluke aboard their Josephine IV drifting between the inlet and the lighthouse on the weekend. One of the shop's regular customers, a woman named Lee, worked buoys 15 and 16 for 10 fluke including a 5 pounder on Saturday. Ed Coury checked in a 76 pound hammerhead shark that he landed aboard the family boat Brothers III. They were fishing in 160' of water 130 degrees out of Fire Island Inlet.

Very good fluking with the ratio of keepers markedly improved according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore.** Dickerson's Channel and the Lighthouse area seem to be showing the best ratio of keepers. On Wednesday, Dr. Braunstein found

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Captree skippers were all in agreement that a new body of fish had entered the bay this past week. There was a significant improvement in the keeper ratio and a good number of keepers fell into the 2-4 pound range. Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Capt. Leitch IV**, Capt. Richie Westerlind of the **Capt. Richie**, his brother Rod of the **Capt. Rod** and Capt. Carl Passaro of the **Jib VI** all told of good fluke action this week and weekend with some of the best fishing of the year found on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree** open boat **Captree Queen** expounded on the fluking picture. He called the morning trips made thru the end of the week and weekend excellent with slower action on the afternoon run. This was purely a matter of the flood tide falling during the AM hours. Gordon called Saturday's trip the best of the year with over 250 keepers taken out of a total of approximately 500 fluke. The fish are well spread from Ocean Beach to the Inlet in the shallows as well as in the deeper channels. Of the night bluefishing, Gordon labelled it erratic with mixed size fish ranging from 4-16 pounds. Fish have been south of the inlet and on the Patchogue Grounds. Thursday night's fishing was out standing while Friday and Saturday nights fell flat. Gordon seemed to feel that there is a big body of fish around along with tons of bait but the fish seem to be doing a lot of moving around and have not yet settled into a steady feed.

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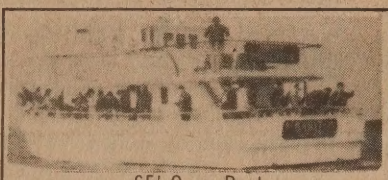
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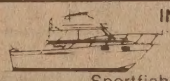
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boat to compete in the Surfside III Shark Contest on Saturday, the group tangled with a 418 pound mako and made a beeline for the scales due to the late hour. They made the weigh in minutes ahead of the deadline but wound up second best to a 430 mako (more on this later). Nonetheless, it was still a thrill for all aboard.

Capt. Roy Mazziotta of the **Captree** charter boat **Blue Albatross** has been spending his time working over the improved fluke population spread between the inlet and Ocean Beach. He spoke of a significant increase in the number of keepers this past week as well as a good showing of summer flatties in the 2-5 pound range. Best of the action has been on the flood tide.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin told of 10 year old Evert Phillips who used a squid and killie combo to take a 9.10 pound weakfish at the inlet. Sharpies continue to do a fair job on weaks in the inlet area on sandworms and Jellyworms. Fred too noted the dramatic improvement in the fluke picture with 3-5 pounders not uncommon. One of the better fluke scores made on the weekend was compiled by Rick Sullivan of Islip Hardware who put 40 keepers in the box aboard his Mabel M on Sunday. He worked between the lighthouse and West Channel. Aboard Al Lorenzetti's **Skimmer** on Thursday, Mark Peyser totalled 22 fluke to 4 pounds fishing near the lighthouse. A party from Roche Construction fished aboard the B.C.A. boat Ida Marie and accounted for 36 fluke to 4 pounds near the lighthouse. Both the **Miss Babylon** and **Pooka V** enjoyed good fluking thru the weekend. Robert Baldwin had

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Marcus Lerner took this nice fluke on a recent trip aboard the Freeport open boat, "Captain Lou V."

the best flattie of the week aboard the Miss Babylon with his 6.2 pounder. Sinker bouncers got in their innings with blackfish. Fred told of Dennis Morgan who took a 5.10 pound blackfish near the WR buoy while the indominatable "Doc" Grell came through with a 12.4 pound bulldog taken near the C.G. Station on a green crab. Some porgies being taken on sandworms and bunker chum near West Island and Ocean Beach. Offshore fishing heated up this week with plenty of yellowfin tuna taken 10-15 miles south of the Texas Tower. Bob Antolini's Weazel nailed 40 yellowfins to 105 pounds while Joe Carrione's Angel Jean returned with a box of yellowfins, including a 199 pounder. Snapper fishing now pretty good at the Village Dock but the fish are still on the small side. Killies working well on these newly arrived scrappers.

Paul Parlapiano checked an 8 pound fluke into **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** on Saturday. Mike Andreani, who weighed the fish, said it was taken on a killie and squid combo north of the C.G. Station. There was some very good fluking from mid week through the weekend in the lighthouse area with many good catches of fluke up to 4 pounds reported. Squaw Island also saw some good innings with summer flatties. Bluefish were thick at the Patchogue Grounds on Saturday morning for Don and Gene Hirsch. The pair landed between 40 to 50 blues in the 8-12 pound class on Ava 27 and 47 jigs. Mike relayed word that there has been talk of a fair number of bass being wire lined and bucktailed in the State Channel between the Measured Mile and the Wantagh Bridges. Lots of football tuna were reported southeast of the inlet in 110-120' of water this past week. Crabs getting underway at the local docks along with some small snappers.

The Hilmer party fished aboard the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Thor** on Thursday. The group chummed 25 blues in the 10 to 12 pound class SE of F.I. Inlet. The skipper noted that he

has several weekday dates open—see ad for details.

The Molotto family continued to ride herd on the Fire Island Inlet weakfish population. On Friday, Mario and Rudy clicked with 7 in the 9 to 10 pound class on the favorite north shore worm troll rig. Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** said that Mario returned with his dad on Sunday morning to pick up a flat of sandworms. They returned later in the day with 12 weaks topped off by Dad's huge 15 pound tiderunner. They have been using a combination of sandworms and a Creme artificial earthworm to do their damage. Ralph snuck out on his day off Wednesday to take 3 weaks averaging 10 pounds. He checked the fish at Frank and Dick's Bait Station and reported taking them west of the Construction Dock. Tailor blues averaging about a pound are bouncing around the inlet while some 5-6 pound blues were found at the bell buoy around mid week by some diamond jiggers. Tanner Park has good numbers of snappers now though they are on the small side. Killies and spearing are working on these fish. Some nice crabs being taken locally in Star traps and Maryland traps. On the offshore scene, Ralph Lennon of the Sailfish checked in with 5 yellowfins to 60 pounds on Saturday. On Sunday, Bill Miller of the Gannett had 7 yellowfins. Catches were made in the vicinity of the Tower.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** said that the size of fluke being taken is much improved with some fish to 4 pounds around as well. A good run of weaks in the inlet on sandworms and jellyworms for those in the know and small blues in and out of the inlet on small jigs and umbrella rigs. Snappers now around local docks along with a few crabs.

From **Edelman's**, in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported the results of the Surfside III Shark Tournament. In the tiger shark division, George Ash topped everyone with a 730 pounder taken aboard the Small Fry. The winning blue shark was a 145 pounder taken aboard the Lucky Lucy by Herb Zilla. Wayne Hutnick had the winning brown shark, a 155 pounder, aboard the Carol Marie III. In the mako division, Steve Kaich won a narrow decision with a 430 pounder taken aboard the Hunky. There were a couple of outstanding catches made by youngsters in the tournament. Leading the field was 8 year old Thomas Sullivan of Islip who whipped a 330 pound mako aboard the Aquarius. Sixteen year old Gina Gusman put a 280 pound tiger shark aboard the Small Fry while Joe Kasenchak, Jr. put a 66 pound white marlin aboard the Hustler. Nineteen makos between 125 and 430 pounds were entered in the event along with 9 tiger sharks. The trophy for most tagged sharks went to Joe Ferrar aboard the Threes Company. Frank added that there were plenty of tuna and albacore taken 50 miles from F.I.

Bob and Bonnie Ceccione and friend Debi with a 4¾ lb. fluke taken at buoy 17 in Reynold's Channel. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station in Pt. Lookout.

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Inlet on both days and remarked that many of the sharkers fishing the tournament reported plenty of action with big bluefish.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

As the season progresses, tons and tons of fluke continue to astound even old hands, although a large percentage are throwbacks. This fact alone should guarantee great fluking for the foreseeable future. Flounder are still there to be had in the deeper holes, while bluefish are being caught days and nights in anywhere from fair to very good numbers for trollers, jiggers and bait and chummers. Blackfish and sea bass are much available and the offshore scene is building nicely.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

A call from Captain Brian of the Seaford open boat **Chinco III** advised that the fluking continued good all week with high hooks into the teens for keeper fluke on the full days. Fares had fewer throwbacks this week. Killies were the preferred bait and keepers were running a bit larger this week. Plenty of 4 to 5½ lb. fish were taken right through Sunday with the boat fishing mostly local areas. Fluke belly was also a choice bait.

Fishing has been tremendous said John at **Pop's Fishing Station** and said that he never saw so many fluke around as this year. Loads of shorts with about one-third total catch being keepers. Sea bass from 1 to 1½ lbs. are also scattered all over, while bay blues are running from 1½ to 2 lbs. at the second and third Wantagh bridges on fluke rigs with an occasional blackfish or weakfish mixed in. Best fluking has been from Four Corners to the two bridges on the east side and between the second and third Wantagh on the west side in addition to Massapequa Cove. Joe Castiglia and party working Four Corners had 10 keeper fluke up to 3 lbs. this week. Blue claws appear to be starting now.

From **Wanser's Tackle** we also heard of fluke being caught all over the bay with hotspots being Goose Creek, Four Corners, Massapequa Cove and Haunts Creek. Five percent of the fish are keepers. Lon weighed in a four pounder and said his customers found sand eels and killies work best on incoming water and the

top of the ebb also. Big flounder being caught at the M Bridge, Short Beach CG Station and at the third Wantagh in the deep water. A 3 lb. flounder was weighed in with blood and sand worms choice baits. Stripers being caught at the bridges on clam bellies up to 16 lbs. and an occasional weak at the third Wantagh on sands or bunker. Small blues at the inlets on bait, tins or trolled umbrellas.

From **Merrick** in Bellmore, Scott advised that private boats fishing the area of the Texas Tower had good catches of yellowfin tuna on plastic, namely Lee Lures, MoldCraft, Jetheads, and Sevenstrand Deep Clones.

A call from Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick told of bass sharpy George Zipper who took a 30 lber. on live bunker Sunday morning in the State Channel and old bass Pro Dennis Newman and his 20 lb. bass taken Monday morning on live bunker in Haunts Creek. On Sunday morning Buddy Holmes bagged 3 weakfish on live bunker at the third Wantagh. Loads of fluke around with a lot of midgets. Hotspots have been the Merrick side of Fundy and Merrick Point. Friday and Saturday these areas were particularly good, with killy squid combos best.

Out of Freeport, the **Capt. Lou Fleet** told of very good fluking all week with high hook Thursday 19 keepers and 20 Saturday on the full day boat. The morning's incoming tide worked best. The half day boat also had very good fluking on the same tide. Live killies have been the best attractor. The 4:30 PM flounder trips continue to produce very well with high hooks in the 20s and 30s and fish up to 2½ lbs. All action has been local with the pool fish of the week a 4¾ lb. fluke.

A call from the charter boat **Captain Gary** told of Thursday's trip for blues for Rennett Diana Co., LIC, with a fair pick at Cholera. The pool fish hit 10 lbs. on the nose for angler Mark Spiegel. Friday's night blue trip for the Al Messina group worked Cholera with Bill Mackay Jr. taking the pool with a 9 lber. Sunday's fluke trip for Chris, Ralph and pals worked Jones Inlet with Kevin Mikes hoisting a 3½ lb. pool fluke and 3-year-old Anthony Derasami catching his first fish ever.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** Tuesday's trip for Economics Labs of White Plains saw good bluefishing along the beach on diamond jigs in 60 to 70 feet of water. Action was from the Jones Tower to Fire Island Inlet. Wednesday's bluefish trip for A. Best and Company, jigged fish in 80 to 90 feet of water SE of Cholera. Thursday's trip for NYCPD had good fluking with enough keepers to bring smiles. Friday's fluke trip for the Joe Stasiak group had a fair pick with high hook being 7 keepers on smelt and squid. On Saturday Forest Park Fishing Club had a fair pick of blues on diamonds off the Jersey coast. Saturday's night trip for Unicorn Pub Fishing Club baited blues and a small mako. Sunday's trip for Metropolitan

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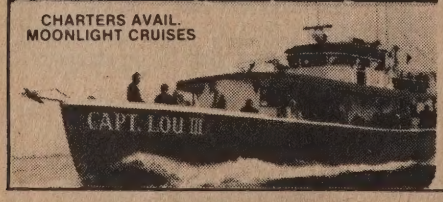

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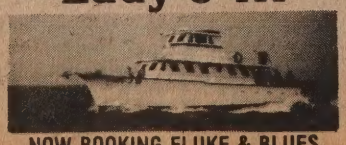

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Word from the **Captain Al** was of very good bluefishing Friday and various good shots of fish Saturday. Monday was a complete slaughter. Other days of the week ranged from poor to good. Fish are running 8 to 15 lbs. Day fishing is all jigs and nights it's bait and chum. The night fishing has been erratic also, hot one night and cooled off the next. The fish are there, said the skipper, they're just moving around.

Aboard the charter boat **Captain Ben** Tuesday the day's catch was three makos from 100 to 125 lbs., two duskies in the 60 to 70 lb. range and a tiger shark brought to the boat and estimated at close to 1,000 lbs. This was in 135 feet of water ESE of Jones Inlet.

Captain Walt Scott's **Acme II** on Monday fished the "Freeport Triangle" and had good old-fashioned white water fishing for two solid hours. A real bonanza said the skipper. Fish ran from 2 to 18 lbs. Fishing started out with jigs and then customers switched over to bait while chum was thrown.

From the **Miss Freeport II** we learned of Pat Booth of New Jersey with her five pound pool fluke Monday. Sunday's pool winner was James Otero of the Bronx with a 3½ lb. fluke. On the afternoon trip Sunday, Bill Ferber of Hicksville hung a 4 lb. fluke. This was all local fishing and the skipper said the fluking has been good all week. As for the night blue trips, Wednesday night was good with Larry Treff of Oceanside with 13 fish to 15 lbs., Tom Ricca, Ozone Park with 12 blues and Joe Lucie with a 17 lb. pool winner. Thursday night Rob Mallona of Bellmore decked a 14 lber. Please note that every Wednesday and Friday is Ladies Day. See ad for details.

From the **Bluefin Fleet** came word of a fair day's fishing for the Mike Brenner group. A 4 lb. fluke was the pool fluke for the week for Matt Rufano of Bethpage. Runner-up was Mike Curley with a 3 lber. Offshore bluefishing, said Captain Karlin, was excellent, with high hook in the teens. Fish ran up to 12 lbs. for Andy Valentine and John Logee of Valley Stream.

Captain Dan Pollera fishing on a friend's private boat Friday night reported that he and his two buddies had a 265 lb. mako plus an 85 lb. white marlin taken on a mackerel bait. The marlin jumped 20 times, said Dan. Plenty of tuna were caught Saturday in the Texas Tower area on artificials. But it was considerably slower on Sunday.

The **Freeport Boatmens Association** echoed that fluking remains good with mucho throwbacks but enough keepers to make the game interesting. This applied to the **Super Spray II** and also the charter boats fluking.

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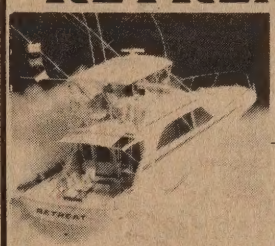

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running and found things picky. The blues are definitely there but they're doing a lot of moving around. It was better earlier in the week said dockmaster Bob. Yellowfin tuna being caught around the Texas Tower and white marlin spotted in the 3 Sisters area. BLue marlin and sea turtles have been spotted. There is plenty of life offshore.

Larry at **Mako Marina** passed on results of this past weekend's shark tournament. Sixty-eight boats entered had a total of 52 shark. First place went to a 573 lb. tiger caught on the Deborah ($5000). Second place, 356½ lb. mako caught on the Scroundrel, $1700; third place, 312 lb. tiger caught on the Lorna-Joyce, $1020. A consolation prize of $500 went to a 263½ lb. mako caught aboard the Donna B. Larry wishes to thank all participants in the tournament.

In nearby Point Lookout charter boat **Marie III** called to tell of Wednesday's trip for Solomon brothers of NYC who had a picky day of 5 to 10 lb. blues SE of Cholera on diamond jigs and umbrellas. Thursday's fluke trip for captain and crew saw a real load of fish brought up, with a 20 percent keeper ratio in just four hours. The fish were chummed on the hook in Reynolds. Friday's bluefish trip worked 30 miles south of Jones with a slaughter of 8 to 12 lb. fish. The pool winner was Mike Sullivan with a 14½ lber. Catches averaged 15 to 25 blues a man and the action was all in just a three hour period. Diamond jigs with white, green and red tails did the trick. Saturday's fluke trip for Sperry saw roughly 400 fluke brought to the surface with a 20 percent keeper ratio working Reynolds, Garretts Lead and the ABB area. Pool winner was Len Litman with a 4¾ lber. Runner-up was Jim Gregory with a 4½ lber. Many fish were in the 3 to 4 lbs. range. Best action was in the back creeks on spearing and squid. Things were slow off Riis Park Sunday in the fluke department.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** had very good fluke and flounder reports right through the weekend with flounder mostly 1½ lbs. and up. Tom Schmidt of Astoria fished Thursday and Friday totalling roughly 100 flounder and fluke working mostly Swift Creek. Jim Stravinskas working Jones Inlet had 3, 3¾ lb. fluke. At the buoy 20 area, Charles Comas nabbed a 4½ lb. fluke on killies. Almost all the rental skiffs brought back either flounder or fluke in their buckets. Keeper fluke are now in a 20 percent keeper ratio. Offshore, the Betty Ann on Thursday had 172 3 to 4 lb. bluefish in just 2½ hours on umbrellas fishing 5 miles south of Jones. Doing the catching was Mrs. Carey and her two grandchildren. On the weekend, three 60 to 80 lb. makos were caught just 23 miles due south of Jones. Fourteen yellowfin tuna, eight of which were over 100 lbs., were taken on Murray Brothers lures 35 miles due south. Aboard the Jenny B, Jim Woods and Mal Fraser had a 45, 95 and 110 lb. mako fishing SE of the inlet roughly 28 to 35 miles.

Word from the **Miss Point Lookout** was of good fluking for the most part this week. Most trips saw high hooks from 12 to 14 keepers. Saturday's AM trip had neary 250 keepers aboard, while Saturday's PM trip saw Ed Weiss with a 4½ lb. pool fish. Sunday's high hook was 12 good fluke, with the pool going to Joe Cardinal of King Umberto Restaurant with a 5 lb. fish. Marvin Lipshonsky had to be satisfied with his 4½ lber. Action was slow on the ebb tide Saturday and Sunday. The night bluefish trips are now running 7 nights a week.

Wednesday aboard the **Capt. Bill**, Joe Wilson of Valley Stream had 7 keepers to 4 lbs., w hile on Thursday Len Daszenski of New Hyde Park scored with 12 keepers. On Friday, Artie Hoffman of New Hyde Park had 16 keepers and Hank Aubel of Franklin Square had a 5½ lb. fluke. Saturday saw Frank Rizzo of Bellmore with 9 keepers and on Sunday Spencer Thomas of Freeport bagged a 4¾ lber, a pool fish taken at the whistle to go home. The week's fishing has been local on spearing and fluke belly. Friday night's blue trip saw nearly 300 blues caught from 5 to 10 lbs. for 25 people. Action was ESE of Cholera on jigs till dark, then on bait and chum.

The regulars did it again at **Ed's Fishing Station.** Ed Puzzio, John Sanford and Andy Waletcek totalled 65 keeper fluke on killies and spearing at buoy 17 and off 17 in the flats of Cinder Creek. Joe Janis and Bernie Zack and John Malanowsky totalled 38 keeper fluke in the Middle Bay flats on killies. Christine and Steve Macmahon of Queens totalled 35 keepers to 3½ lbs. Best was at the CG Station and at the Meadowbrook bridge on killies and squid. Linda O'Neil was proud of her 3¾ lber. taken in Reynolds. Keepers are on a 20 percent keeper ratio now with lots of action available. Good floundering off the CG station and at the Big M an the rock pile on the north side of Big M.

From the open boat **Commodore** out of Island Park comes word of very good fishing this past week with lots of action, but lots of throwbacks. Fares had 5 plus keepers a man, depending on angler's skill and luck. Fluke are all over the bay said the skipper. He fished Debs, Jones, the M bridge, Sloop Channlel, Baldwin bay and buoys 16 and 18 for best results. Riis park on the outside was

also fished Saturday. Fares have been happy with their bags of fillets at the end of the day. The water is extremely clean and fish are being caught up to 5 lbs.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook passed the word about Bob Uhas of Valley Stream who on Sunday fished the CG Station in Jones Inlet and out of 60 total fish caught, kept but 8 legal size fluke, the largest hitting 5½ lbs., all on smelt. Phil Rega of Elmont fishing the Atlantic beach surf with squid bagged a 9 lb. weakfish and saw another the same size caught Friday.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina** we learned that fluking was fairly good on the weekend in the areas of buoys 5/7, buoy 1/AB bridge and from AB Bridge/CG Station. Fish to 3½ lbs. were taken. Lots of throwbacks still around but the keeper ratio remains healthy. Smelt and killie-squid combos have been working best. Blues are being trolled off buoy 4, Atlantic Beach and also at Cholera and in the shark chum slicks. A few bass being trolled on umbrellas off Beach 52nd St., Rockaway. Jerry Resnick had an 8 and 9 lb. striper Friday on white bucktails with pork rind in this area. BCCs starting in the back creeks.

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach told us Monday morning that the mother lode of bluefish is approximately 40 miles to the south down the Jersey coast and that the **Betty W. III** and the **Flamingo III** were amongst the few boats chasing them that far. Four ounce S&G Jig Tails with either red or green tails have been working best. Small to medium fish have been taken by Ronnie's charters in Raritan Bay mixed with a few weaks on umbrellas. The Tin Can has been having some pretty good bass fishing, with mostly teen fish caught, but some into the 20s. Absolutely fresh bunker chunks on the hook is the ticket, forget the frozen. There have also been a fair number of 6 to 12 lb. weakfish around the NY Bight but most of the bass on the Can are shorts.

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** came word of lots of fluke but lots of throwbacks as well. Blackfish are fading extremely fast while bluefishing is a hit and miss affair. Some are being trolled along the Rockaway beaches and off the Silver Point jetty along with bass. Following are the results of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club shark tournament: 1st place, Jesse York, 257 lb. tiger; 2nd, Scott Weiss, 106 lb. hammerhead; 3rd place, Anthony Simiscalchi, 43 lb. mako; J. York bagged a 40 lb. pollock while this was going on on 30 lb. test line, tying an existing world record.

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Cross Bay Bait and Tackle on **Jamaica Bay** told of both north and south channel bridges producing porgies a little bigger than palm sized on blood and sand worms, both tides. Lots of mixed size fluke on killies, squid and spearing, with lots of midgets. Small blues and small stripers are being caught on spearing or on small Hopkins and Kastmasters. Nighttimes 8 to 10 lb. blues are being taken from both bridges on bunker chunks or whole live bunker. Jason Ogden decked a 19¼ lb. blue on live bunker from a boat in Jamaica Bay Tuesday night. Bob Barr was happy with his 10 lb. 4 oz. weakfish taken on a live bunker on incoming tide Saturday night. BCCs are now being taken in traps.

The word out of the Sheepshead Bay area from the **Flamingo III** is of consistent bluefishing, though the fish are way offshore and moving around. Blues are caught every trip with some days better or worse than others. Some days have seen excellent catches with Thursday an example with some fares getting 40 to 50 fish a man, fish 1 to 5 lbs. Weakfish are also around as are schools of 12 to 15 lb. stripers.

From the **Zephyr** we hear from Capt. Butch of excellent fluking through Sunday. Judy and Tom had 32 keepers Saturday. On Sunday Joe Nass bagged an 8 lb. pool fluke with the runner-up a 6 lber. for George Kone. Catches have been best in the lower bay and fares have been enjoying a 50 percent keeper ratio.

From the charter boat **Daybreaker** comes word of consistent and constant bass catches this week, anywhere from 2 to a dozen stripers everyday, casting. Fresh bunker is the ticket. Most of the fish are throwbacks but there is a legal fish here and there and they are full of bait.

Captain Tommy of the **Pilot II** told of excellent fishing all week long with the exception of Saturday. Blackfishing has been super, fish 2 to 6 lbs. Monday through Friday. On Sunday sea bass predominated, fish averaging 1½ lbs. A very few porgies have shown so far. All action is at Tom's secret Jersey drops.

Over at **Mike's Bait and Tackle,** Wee Willie tells of bluefish being caught on the party boats fishing jigs daytime and bait at night. Boats are fishing the Farms and the HA areas. Blackfishing has been very good on the Jersey side on green crabs. Fluking remains good with more keepers this week. Carol Tefter bagged a 7 lb. fluke while Mario

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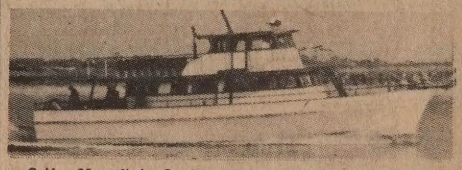

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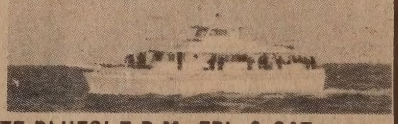

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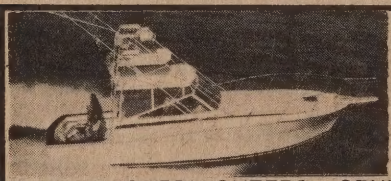

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Fabio hoisted a 6¼ lb. fluke. Stripers and weaks being chummed in the AM at the Tin Can grounds on bunker chunks days and worms at night. Snappers are in the bay finally.

Across the Narrows in Staten Island, Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** told of 1 to 3 lb. blues being taken on bunker and big weakfish from 9 to 11 lbs. off Annandale's buoys 4 and 14 on all varieties of bunker, either chunked, live, fresh dead, etc. It's been hot for the last 5 days, both days and nights with lots of weaks around and being caught. Jim Leota on his boat Overtime had weaks to 10½ lb. on chunks at buoy 14. Vinnie on his boat Pepper II was also in on this action. There's been good fluking off Great Kills, Annandale's buoys 4 and 14 with the area alive with fish. Roughly 15 percent are keepers with squid strips catching best.

Captain Joe Mattioli of the charter boat **Fishfinder** says his people are catching plenty of small blues up to 1 lb. off Staten Island and Great Kills. A27 jigs are working best (no tails). Moving toward Atlantic Highlands, the fish get larger from 2 to 5 lbs. Nights have been good on bunker chunks and chum for blues up to 10 lbs. off Great Kills.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Stabile summer weather coincided with the arrival of bluefish to the west, while solid fluke fishing and a reasonalbe run of porgies are featured to the east.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** said that the **Klondike VIII** was now working bluefish but that most of the local news came from the beach fraternity. Dennis Weiner weighed an 8 pound bass and 11 pound blue, both taken on poppers, while Mike Black showed up with a 25 pound linesider, presumably taken on a worm.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** spoke of a lot of porgies in the Oyster Bay area. John Dicuffa told us that there were still blackfish and flounder around, too. Dave and Carol from the **North Star** accounted for one catch of 150 scup and also registered a 19 pound bass, taken at night.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** featured fluke and small bluefish in a report. Art Miller has been accounting for a bass a night with fish between 12 and 17 pounds, all taken on worms, but Everett Johnson is expected to come out of the hospital soon and dominate

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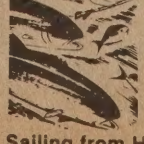
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the bassin' reports.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** was working in the Norwalk Islands for flounder in the 1-2 pound class with an occasional tautog and an odd scup mixed in. A couple of the blackfish this week went 6-7 pounds. With 6-12 flatties per fare, everyone is satisfied on weekends, while the porgies around Oyster Bay please during the week. Unfortunately, boating traffic makes the scup unapproachable on weekends.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Mel at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** mentioned a mass of bluefish taken off Callahans on tins by Mario and Victor Dezelic, while Bob Cedar from **Huntington Prop** was hauling porgies plus a few sea bass from the OB area with Tony Vernola and Russ Helfner. There were 3 pound blues in Cold Spring Harbor, but the big news was a breakout of bluefish off Eaton's on Sunday morning. Joe DiMaggio and son accounted for a couple of bass around 28 pounds, and Joe, Jr. had three keeper pajamafish off Marshall Field.

George Valentine at **4 Winds** spoke of a feast and famine for boatmen in the area on night-time weakfish over 8 pounds. Fish were taken on worms and rebels; Hugh Chancey had a 15 pound bass as well. Bluefish made a showing off Crane's Neck on Thursday while most of that action was in Smithtown Bay on Saturday. Draggers have cut into the local fluke, but there seem to be a lot of shorts and some fish to 4 pounds in Lloyds Harbor and Huntington Bay.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** spoke of blues and weaks highlighting the inshore boat catches. Bobby Cannon weighed a 4 pound fluke.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** featured porgies in the ¾ to 2½ pound range off Oldfield and Crane's with fluke around the pink house and Flacks Pond. Although there were many shorts, some of the flatfish were quite respectable, and the best fish of the week went 7 pounds. Bluefish in the 1-4 pound class were trolled and jigged off Buoy 11 and buoy 9.

Dick's Sporting Goods in **Mount Sinai** weighed a number of locally caught bass with fish ranging from the mid-teens to the mid-30's. Fluke were all over the area from Miller Place to Rocky Point with a number of fish in the 3-4 pound range and the best weighting 7 and change. Porgies around Wading River were inconsistent. The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** suggested drifting for weakfish off the cabanas on sandworms with bluefish in Smithtown Bay also worth the effort. These cocktails in the 1-3 pound range could also be found inshore around Buoy 7. Porgies were

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Mike Love displays the 8 lb. doormat fluke he took during the recent run of big fish at Horton's Point. He did his fishing aboard the Orient-based open boat, "Prime Time II."

on the Broadway shoal in 20 feet of water and inside Buoy 9.

Billy Collins had some "beautiful" bluefishing in the past few days on the **Ever Ready**. Catches ranged to 40 Thursday, 35 Saturday, and 18 on Sunday with averages ranging from 24 down to 8 per day. There are a few weakfish mixed in, and the blues are in the 1-3 pound class with a few all the way to 8. Shoreham was the scene of Thursday's and Friday's action while Crane's and Smithtown Bay made news on the weekend.

NORTH FORK

Warren's liked the fluke fishing on the Sound from Mattituck to Horton's and spoke of mixed sizes of porgies around Cooper's rock. The **Mattituck Fishing Station** filled us in on some of the details. Porgies were east and west of the inlet and there were a few large scup to 3½ pounds with fluke off the firing range. Lots of shorts dominated the fluke statistics. Small blues were in the area from the Northville Pipe to Buoy 5. The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** did weigh a 9½ pound doormat last week and suggested that fluke east of the inlet were somewhat larger than the shorts near the inlet.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** was happy about the summer weakfish now showing off Rose's with fish in the 1½ to 6 pound range. John and Gary Kusen accounted for 12 summer run fish in a catch made using worms and squid. Porgies were still showing well around Buoys 22, 28, 30 and between 17 and 18 with most of the

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fish around ¾ pound and a few jumbos mixed in. Cocktails were found in the North Race Sunday morning.

The **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** mentioned Buoy 18 for scup and a few weakfish from the Brickyard. The best fluke of the week tipped the scales at 11.2 on Saturday but the location of the catch was uncertain.

Art White at the **A.P.White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that there was good fluking at the Ruins and porgies were east of Gardiner's. Jigging for blues and weaks in the sluice was also quite productive and Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** has really been into these fish.

Larry Ciccotto called to say that fluke numbers are excellent for the **Prime Time II** off Gardiner's. Hundreds of fish per trip are not unusual with most pool winners in the 4-5 pound class. Most of the fish are small with one 8 pounder the best of the week. Sandeel or spearing and squid are the standard baits. John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** spent a couple of spectacular days off Gardiner's; and Anna May said that catches to 20 fluke per fare were the norm on those days. Weekend traffic made the fluking more difficult.

Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** had "a hectic week of catching" on porgies off Gardiner's on worms in running moon tides. There were nice seabass ranging from pins to 3 pounds, and the biggest blackfish went 9 pounds. Dave notes that the need for 6.8 ounces in running tides makes the catching tricky and that porgy customers have to learn some new things to haul silver consistently.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

For all of those casters who equate the full moon with poor surf fishing, the weekend certainly provided some substantial evidence with which to preach their case. While there was some good fishing to be had around the Island thru mid week most area beaches suffered a serious lapse of

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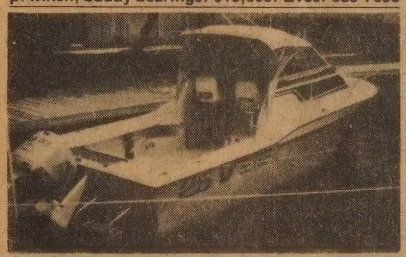

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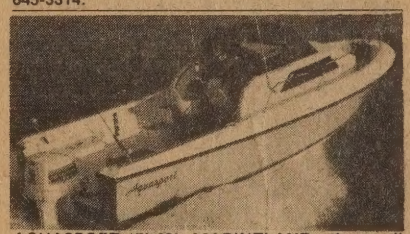

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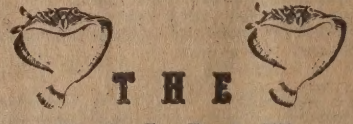

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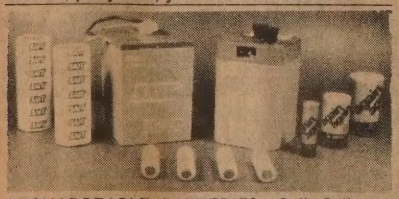

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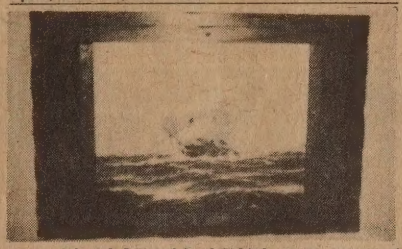

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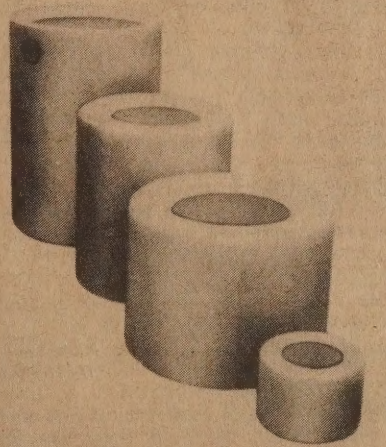

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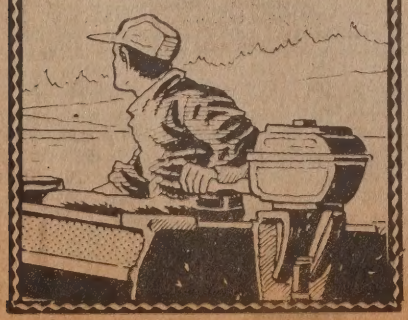

action late in the week and on the weekend.

Western south shore surfmen seemed less afflicted with the poor fishing judging by the reports. Joe Augeri of the Gateway Striper Club reported some of the weekend scores made by he and a couple of fellow club memebers. Their work is sure to keep the club competative in the NY Surf Fishing Contest standings. Jim McKay used darter and dropper combos to take bass of 10, 12 and 15 pounds from a Rockaway jetty. Joe thought that Jim has been working rockpiles around the 60s. John Hansen worked the Breezy Point surf with bunker chunks and managed a trio of 8 pounds tiderunners while Joe spent Saturday morning at Plum Beach in Brooklyn. They used Danny swimmers to take a pair of 7 pound blues. They also told of dropping several fish. Some big weaks being taken from Plum Beach on bait. The story is similar on the back side of Breezy Point where casters have been using bunker chunks to take some big weakfish along with an occasional big bass.

Phil Rega of Elmont told Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** that he used a squid strip to take his 9 pound weak from the Atlantic Beach surf. He also told of seeing another big weak taken by another caster.

It was a bunker chunk that did in a 37½ pound striper for Jerry Kinzer of Massapequa one morning late last week. Jerry weighed the fish at **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in **Wantagh** and told Lon that he took the fish at Parking Field 6, Jones Beach.

Small blues are in and out of the surf at Fire Island Inlet with some fast action occuring at Democrat Point on several occasions. A few fish also on the other side at Cedar Beach. Weakfish have been scarce with just a few reported over the weekend. Charlie Brogan used a 007 jig to take an 8½ pounder from the Sore Thumb. He weighed it at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Friday morning. Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** swam a sandworm in the Democrat surf at 2AM Sunday morning. It was gobbled by a 9 pound weakfish, the only weak reported on the beach that night.

School bass, nearly all shorts, have been reported along south shore beaches from Fire Island to Southampton but few casters are bothering with the undersized fish.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** told of Dan Steigerwald who culled 1 keeper bass out of 7 that he took along with seven 3 pound bluefish on the west side of Moriches Inlet on Tuesday. While casters throwing tins had all bluefish, Dan used a Bomber plug to take the stripers. One customer reported taking 9 short bass at Robert Moses while another told of taking 7 from 17 to 23" on the east side of Shinnecock one morning and returning to take 4 more a day later. The only substantial bass that Paul saw all week was again a product of the north shore and the inveterate Ozzie VonHelmond. Paul teamed with Ozzie one night early last week and worked a Stony Brook beach through the night. Ozzie wound up with 17 bass and weaks while Paul finished up with 11 mixed fish. Ozzie's best bass tipped the scale at 18½ pounds. All the fish were taken on Hellcats.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reported a good flurry of weakfish and school bass action early in the week but reported that it died at mid week. The last good score was racked up on Wednesday night at False Bar by Joey Bragan, Sr. who took a 42 pound striper and 6 weakfish. I managed 9 weaks and 4 stripers on Tuesday night working Hellcats just shy of Shagwong Point. Several other casters including John Fritz and Jack "The Painter" Murray shared in the action. Weekend activity at the point amounted to zero according to John.

Up on the North Shore, the good action which characterized the early part of last week fizzled ubruptly Thursday night. There had been a good mixture of bass and weakfish action stretching from Marshall Field to Rocky Point but all indications pointed to an almost total lack of fish thru the weekend.

George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** said that Rebels, Redfins and Hellcats along with Whiptails and Eelworms produced bass into the teens along with some weakfish to 10 pounds along beaches from Crab Meadow east to Sunken Meadow.

Of the Sunken Meadow fishing, small blues from 2-4 pounds were taken before dark on a couple of occasions early in the week. John Schauer plugged half a dozen fish Monday evening. A couple of weaks were taken after dark while the best of the bass action was reserved for those who stuck out late night tides. One caster scored with 3 fish between 10 and 15 pounds at Callahan's.

Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sport Shop** in **Northport** said that local beaches had their quota of weakfish early in the week. Rich Wright and Joe Hadnock scored with 13 weaks and 4 bluefish.

Working to the east, Tom Brady over at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that tailor blues in the 1-4 pound range continue to provide flurries of action at any time of the day although the most consistent fishing has been early morning or evening. Use Hopkins, Kastmasters, spoon jigs or pencil poppers. Weaks have become spotty yet there were few around early in the week. Dave Young clicked with yellowfins of 7½ and 8½ pounds early Monday AM. Bass fishing slowed considerably but there have been a few husky schoolies in the 8-10 pound range scattered between Mt. Sinai and Wading River on Redfins, Hellcats and Rebels fished in conjunction with a Red Gill dropper.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	12:30	1:05	1:20	1:50	1:15	1:55	2:15	3:00	3:50	4:15	4:00	4:30	12:35	1:10	7/19
FRI.	1:15	1:45	2:05	2:40	1:50	2:35	3:05	3:45	4:35	5:00	4:45	5:15	1:20	2:00	7/20
SAT.	1:55	2:35	2:50	3:30	2:30	3:15	3:55	4:35	5:25	5:45	5:35	6:05	2:10	2:50	7/21
SUN.	2:50	3:25	3:40	4:20	3:15	4:05	4:55	5:25	6:15	6:35	6:30	6:55	3:10	3:45	7/22
MON.	3:45	4:25	4:40	5:15	4:15	5:00	5:50	6:10	7:15	7:30	7:25	7:50	4:05	4:35	7/23
TUES.	4:55	5:20	5:35	6:10	5:25	6:00	6:40	6:55	8:20	8:30	8:20	8:40	5:00	5:25	7/24
WED.	5:55	6:20	6:30	7:05	6:30	6:55	7:30	7:45	9:15	9:25	9:20	9:35	5:55	6:15	7/25
THURS.	6:50	7:10	7:25	7:55	7:25	7:45	8:20	8:30	10:10	10:15	10:10	10:20	6:45	7:05	7/26

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
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Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/19	5:41	8:31
FRI. 7/20	5:42	8:30
SAT. 7/21	5:43	8:29
SUN. 7/22	5:44	8:28
MON. 7/23	5:45	8:27
TUE. 7/24	5:45	8:27
WED. 7/25	5:46	8:26

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/19	12:00PM	11:51AM
FRI. 7/20	12:22PM	12:51PM
SAT. 7/21	12:45PM	1:51PM
SUN. 7/22	—	2:54PM
MON. 7/23	1:14AM	4:00PM
TUE. 7/24	1:48AM	5:07PM
WED. 7/25	2:29AM	6:13PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/29	7/5	7/13	7/21

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:40	**4:30**	11:05	**4:50**
Fri.	11:20	**5:10**	11:50	**5:35**
Sat.	—	**5:55**	12:05	**6:20**
Sun.	12:35	**6:35**	12:45	**7:00**
Mon.	1:15	**7:15**	1:25	**7:40**
Tues.	1:55	**8:05**	2:15	**8:30**
Wed.	2:45	**8:55**	3:05	**9:25**
Thurs.	3:40	**9:50**	4:00	**10:20**

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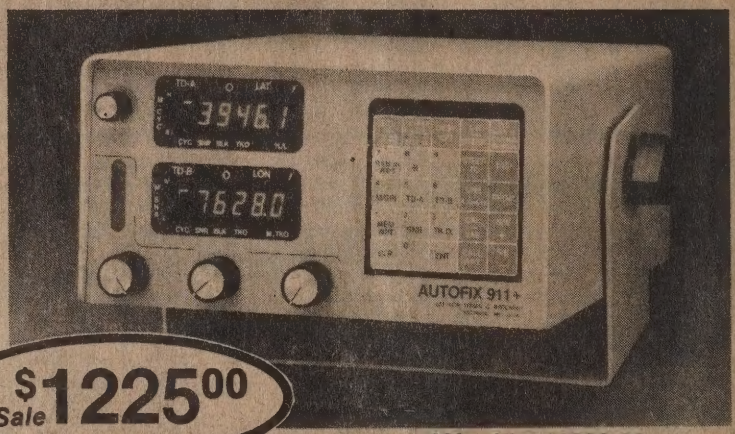

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